

WASHINGTON FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Administered by the Washington Department of Natural Resources through funding by the US Department of Agriculture, the Fire Assistance Grant Program is open to all Washington fire districts/fire departments who currently provide wildland fire response to private, state, or federal ownerships, and serving communities LESS than 10,000 residents. Fire Districts/Fire Departments serving communities over 10,000 residents may qualify, providing their service area includes a rural area or rural community under 10,000 population.

DNR will prioritize grants from Fire Districts or Departments that protect identified [WUI high risk communities or communities that are within high and moderate-risk areas identified in the recently completed state-wide assessment and resource strategy](#). Districts and departments with communities in low risk areas may apply, but will be considered after high and moderate requests have been met.

The Phase II Grant program opens September 2, 2013, at 8:00 a.m., and closes October 25, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Qualifying Projects:

Each district may apply for one phase II project per year.

FEPP generator replacement.

Replacing FEPP generators with new generators or refurbishing generators acquired under the Firefighter property program.

Firefighter Property Acquisition/Refurbishment

Includes funding for transport and refurbishment of vehicles obtained through the Firefighter Property program to a wildland engine, or tender.

Communications

Includes the development of single or multi District communications systems, radios, vehicle, hand held, base stations, and repeater.

Fire Equipment

This category includes equipment suitable for wildland fire use. Includes portable pumps, slip in pump packages, water tanks – vehicle and porta tanks, and chainsaws. All hand tools, hose, hose fittings and related equipment **Not available** during Phase I, communication systems, radios – vehicle and hand held, pagers.

Training

Includes the development and implementation of programs designed for training in structural, grass or wildland fire suppression, including instructors, facility rental and materials.

Fire Prevention

Includes the development and implementation of Fire Prevention Education Programs, including Firewise Workshops or Prevention planning, including GIS planning projects.

Dry Hydrant

Includes planning, construction and operational use of a dry hydrant system.

Ineligible Projects or Items under Grant Program:

- Major expenditures such as building construction or new fire apparatus
- Land acquisition or building repairs
- Rural Emergency Medical Service programs
- Waterline construction and hydrants
- Structural fire engines, ladder trucks, and structure PPE.
- Wellness programs

Other Requirements

- This is a reimbursable grant. The grantee must purchase the requested equipment and apply to DNR for reimbursement.
- The matching fund requirement for all eligible projects, within the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (VFAP), is **50%**. Matching funds may be actual cash, donated materials or in-kind labor.
- The grantee for must complete the project within one year following the grant award.
- Any change or project modification must have prior written approval by DNR, and in no case will DNR approve additional funding to complete the project.
- Unused grant funds cannot be transferred to other non-funded projects, agencies, or departments.

Steps to Submitting a Grant Application for Grant Funding Phase II

Step 1 Download, and complete the Application for Grant Funding Phase II

Step 2 Compile a narrative statement, briefly describing the scope and impact to your community and overall operation of your organization, and your working relationship with DNR and Federal agencies in your district. Do not exceed two pages.

Step 4 Complete the Funding Information block on the Application for Grant Funding - Phase II.

Step 5 Sign the completed application, or attach a note from the Chief or Commissioner authorizing the application.

Step 6 Compile the Washington Wildland Fire Assistance Grant documents and submit to DNR via e mail at fepp_assist@wadnr.gov. You will receive an e mail confirming receipt.

All Grant packages must be received by the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Resource Protection Division, by the close of business hours (5:00 p.m.), October 25, 2013. Grant packages received after 5:00 p.m., October 25, 2013, will not be considered for Grant funding.