SUBJECT: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$39,049.44 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING \$3,904.94 IN MATCHING FUNDS, AND APPROVING THE SCOPES OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR FIREFIGHTER AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, SUPPLIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

AGENDA OF: March 4, 2025

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection 03/18/25 - EMW

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
	Recoverable Signature
Originator	X Casey Laughlin
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Department Director	X Ken Barkley
Bopar emeric Biroccor	Signed by: Kenneth Barkley
	Recoverable Signature
Finance Director	X Cheyenne Heindel
	Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel
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Borough Attorney	X Nicholas Spiropoulos
	Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos 2/20/2025
	X Michael Brown
Borough Manager	M ICH a e I b I U W II
	Signed by: Mike Brown 2/20/2025
	X Lonnie McKechnie
Borough Clerk	Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie

ATTACHMENT(S): Ordinance Serial No. 25-027 (2 pp)

Resolution Serial No. 25-023 (2 pp)

Grant Award Notice and Applications (10 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The borough fire services areas have been awarded grant funds from the Alaska State Division of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program, in the amounts of \$9,759.22 for Caswell, \$9,759.22 for Willow, \$10,000 for Talkeetna, and \$9,531 for Sutton, for a combined total grant award of \$39,049.44.

The fire service areas must provide 10 % matching funds in order Page 1 of 2

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to comply with the conditions of the grant and to receive the grant.

The acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds serves a public interest.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

The administration recommends approval of the attached legislation, which will accept and appropriate grant funds from the Alaska State Division of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program, appropriate matching funds, and approve the scopes of work and budgets for projects for firefighter and firefighting equipment, clothing, supplies, and communications equipment.

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: March 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Accepting and appropriating \$39,049.44 from the Alaska State Division of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program, appropriating \$3,904.94 in matching funds, and approving the scopes of work and budgets for firefighter and firefighting equipment, clothing, supplies, and communications equipment.

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE O	COMPLETED BY FI	NANCE)	FISCAL IMI	PACT <mark>YES</mark> NO			
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$42,959.38		FUNDING S	FUNDING SOURCE Grant/Grant Match				
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TO ACCOUNT: 405.000.000 3xx.xxx		PROJECT#	PROJECT # 20150/20146/20145/20255				
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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:			(Thousands of Dollars)				
OPERATING	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	
Personnel Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land/Structures							
Grants, Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING							
CADITAL							
CAPITAL							
REVENUE							
UNDING:			(Thousands of Dollars)				
General Fund							
State/Federal Funds	39.0						
Other	4.0						
TOTAL	43.0						
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Full-Time Part-Time							
Temporary							
ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate p							
APPROVED BY: X	Recoverable Sign Cheyenne H						



Department of Natural Resources

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

[PROGRAM]

3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699 Main: 907.451.2600

January 27th, 2025

To State of Alaska Fire Departments:

Thank you for applying for the 2025 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) grants, formerly known as VFA. Thirty-three (33) fire departments applied, and all applications were funded. Thirty-three (33) Alaska Fire Departments will receive up to \$10,000 per fire department. A total of **\$306,292** will be awarded. This is the letter of official notification.

The enclosed spreadsheet lists all applicants and the amount requested/amount awarded. If a fire department is awarded a grant, the amount awarded will be listed in the "Amount Awarded" column. Please contact your respective DOF Fire Management Officer (FMO) with any questions you may have.

- Checks will be distributed electronically using the VFD's SOA vendor number and in accordance with the SOA electronic payment agreement. Electronic disbursements are expected by no later than March 2026.
- To be eligible for a 2026 VFC grant, compliance documentation, such as copies of receipts for 2025 grant expenditures, must be submitted electronically through the OLAS portal, or in coordination with the DOF local Fire Management Officers (FMOs).
- Volunteer Fire Capacity is an award of Federal Financial Assistance with funding from the USDA Forest Service. Prime and sub-recipients to this award are subject to OMB guidance in sub-parts A through F of 2 CFR Part 200 as adapted and supplemented by the USDA in 2 CFR Part 400. Adoption by USDA of the OMB guidance in 2 CFR 400 gives regulatory effect to OMB guidance in 2 CFR 200 where full text may be found.
- The brochure, "Complying with Civil Rights", FS-850, can be found at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd610492.pdf
- The OMB Circulars are available on the internet at www.ecfr.gov

Applicants are encouraged to reapply annually by submitting applications and compliance documentation by the specified grant deadline.

Sincerely,

Sarah Saarloos

Sarah Saarloos, Fire Staff Officer

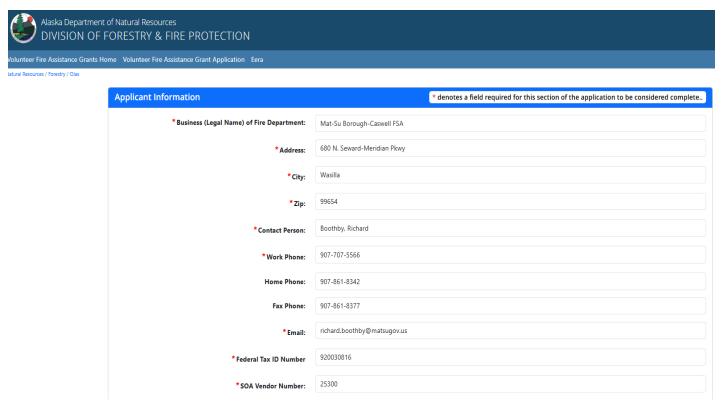
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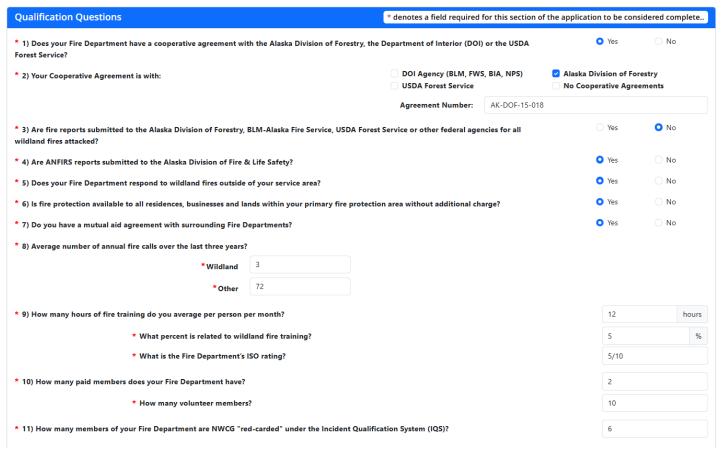
Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

Fire Department	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Agency or DOF Office
Delta Junction VFD	\$8,927.47	\$8,927.47	Delta Area Office
Tri-Valley VFD	\$8,678.52	\$8,678.52	Fairbanks Area Office
North Pole FD	\$9,967.39	\$9,967.39	Fairbanks Area Office
Chena-Goldstream Fire & Rescue	\$8,941.53		Fairbanks Area Office
Steese Area VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Fairbanks Area Office
McKinley VFD	\$5,625.00	\$5,625.00	Fairbanks Area Office
Ester VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Fairbanks Area Office
Western Emergency Serivces Area	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Moose Pass Vol. Fire Co.	\$9,986.75	\$9,986.75	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Lowell Point VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Cooper Landing VFD	\$9,813.40	\$9,813.40	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Central Emergency Services	\$8,491.54	\$8,491.54	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Bear Creek Fire/EMS Department	\$8,538.00	\$8,538.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Seward FD	\$8,624.78	\$8,624.78	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Nikiski FD	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Bayside Volunteer Fire Department	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Homer Volunteer Fire Department	\$8,892.00	\$8,892.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Talkeetna VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Mat Su Area
Caswell Lakes FSA #135	\$9,759.22	\$9,759.22	Mat Su Area
Willow VFD	\$9,759.22	\$9,759.22	Mat Su Area
Sutton VFD	\$9,531.00	\$9,531.00	Mat Su Area
Houston FD	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	Mat Su Area
Chickaloon Fire Service, Inc.	\$9,999.90	\$9,999.90	Mat Su Area
Haines VFD	\$6,001.65	\$6,001.65	Southeast Alaska
Sitka FD	\$7,142.09	\$7,142.09	Southeast Alaska
Saint Paul Dept. of Public Safety	\$8,495.24	\$8,495.24	Southwest District
Native Village of Eagle	\$9,899.09	\$9,899.09	State of Alaska Protection
Tok VFD	\$9,583.36	\$9,583.36	Tok Area Office
Valdez FD	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Gakona VFD	\$9,940.50	\$9,940.50	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kennicott/McCarthy VFD	\$9,994.50	\$9,994.50	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
GlennRich Fire Rescue	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kenny Lake VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office

\$306,292.15

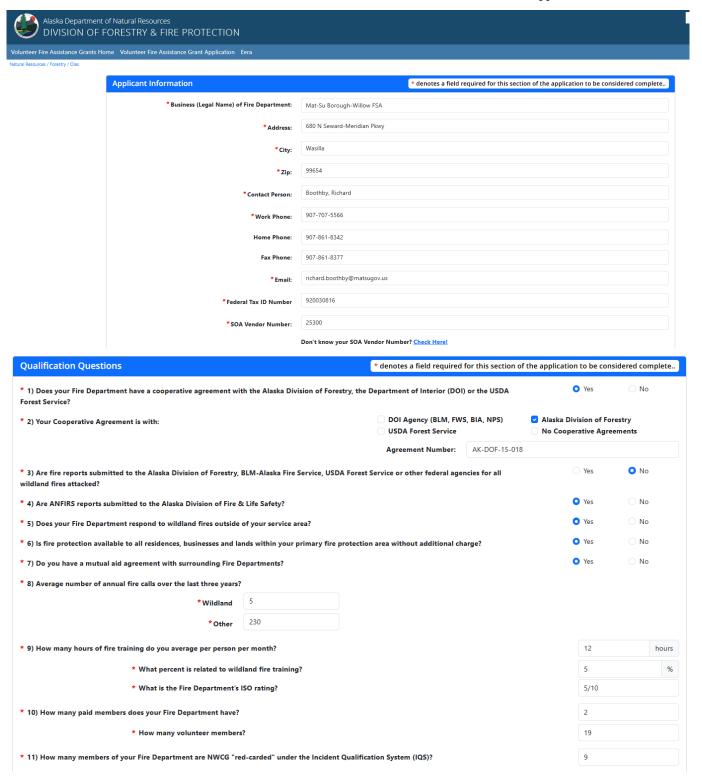
Manager approval to submit online application





Project Detail Information 10% Minimum Match Requirement Maximum Funding Award is \$10000.00 NOTE: If awarded a grant, disbursement will be only for items that are listed below. Refer to the manual for instructions on how to get prior approval to make changes to this list of items. Matching Share Match Type (Cash or In-kind) Amount (10% minimum) Wildland Item Description Cost Per Item Total Cost I" forestry hose 171.90 10 1,719.00 Cash 171.90 ✓ 1 1/2" forestry hose. 10 Mini-Striker mini pump, single stage fire pump, Honda GXH50 engine, 1 1/2 NPSH outlet. Regular size new generation Fire shelter with blue caring case. 624.65 2,498.60 Cash 249.86 3/4" x 50' Altra Fore-X-Flo hose. 54.60 546.00 54.60 **V** Tripod sprinkler base with brass impact head. 58.19 EZ Flow 2 Way Water control Valve 86.96 8.70 52 10,843.58 1,084.36 Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share): \$9,759.22

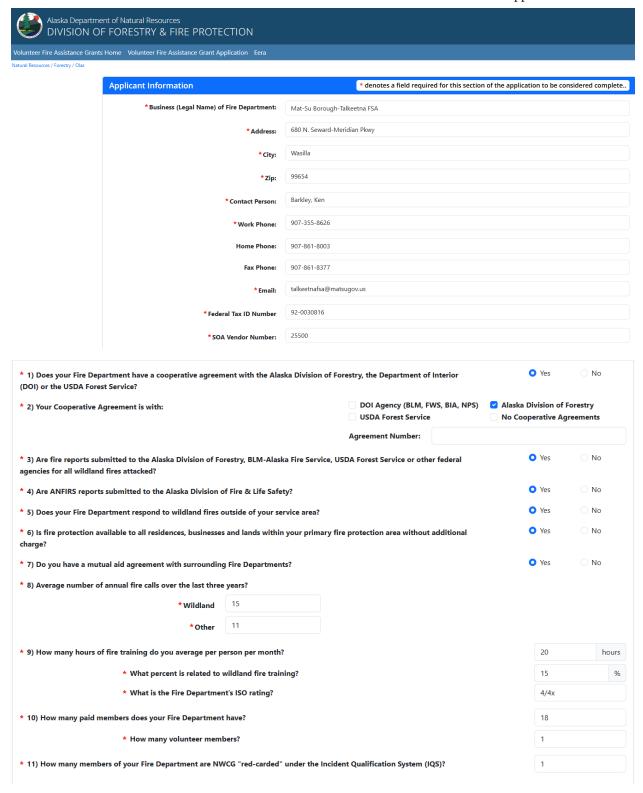
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 * 1) In the text box below, briefly justify the need for the requested items. How will the requested items improve the capacity and capability of your rural volunteer fire department? How will the requested items strengthen the fire department's role as a cooperator in wildland fire suppression (500 characters max) 	1?
With the addition of the hose, pumps, sprinkler kits will allow both brush trucks to have enough hose and sp shelters, 10 plus years old, that need to be replaced.	rinklers to do structural protection on two houses each and remain in service. We have older
* 2) Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date?	Yes No
The funding amounts available through the VFA program are limited. There are often more requests than funding available, some will get the full amount requested.	Due to this limitation some requests may go unfilled, others may receive an amount less than requested, and
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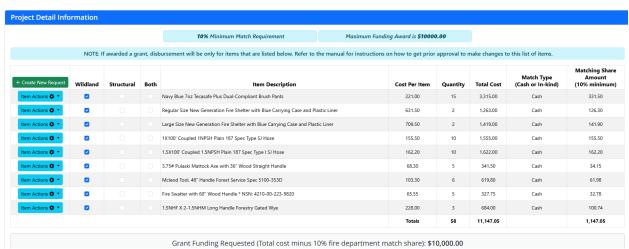


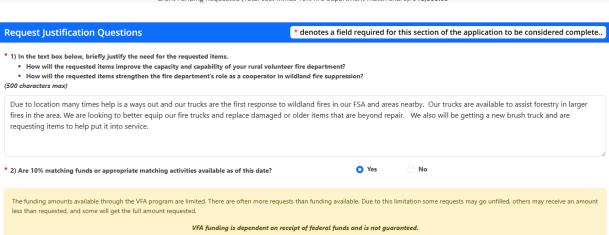


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* 1) Does your Fire Department have Division of Forestry, the Department Service?			ska	O Yes	○ No	
* 2) Your Cooperative Agreement is	with:	DOI Agency FWS, BIA, NI USDA Forest Service Agreement Number:	PS)	Alaska Division of Forestry No Cooperative Agreements		
		Number.				
* 3) Are fire reports submitted to the Fire Service, USDA Forest Service or attacked?				O Yes	○ No	
* 4) Are ANFIRS reports submitted t	o the Alaska Divis	ion of Fire & Life Safe	ety?	Yes	○ No	
* 5) Does your Fire Department resp service area?	ond to wildland fi	res outside of your		O Yes	○ No	
* 6) Is fire protection available to all your primary fire protection area wit			hin	O Yes	○ No	
* 7) Do you have a mutual aid agreer	nent with surroun	ding Fire Departmen	ts?	O Yes	O No	
* 8) Average number of annual fire of	alls over the last t	hree years?				
*Wildland	10					
*Other	50					
* 9) How many hours of fire training	do you average pe	er person per month	?	15	hours	
* What percent is	related to wildlan	d fire training?		12	%	
* What is the Fire	Department's ISO	rating?		8B/	10	
* 10) How many paid members does	your Fire Departn	nent have?		0	0	
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 - · How will the requested items improve the capacity and capability of your rural volunteer fire department?
 - How will the requested items strengthen the fire department's role as a cooperator in wildland fire suppression?

(500 characters max)

Items requested will provide needed equipment for response within the borough and out of area assignments through the cooperative agreement.

Radios will be programed with the new DOF comm plan, and be available for deployment.

* 2) Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date?

O Yes No

OR 25-027 RS 25-023 IM 25-056