



**SUBJECT:** ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$17,994.74 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING \$1,799.97 IN MATCHING FUNDS, AND APPROVING THE SCOPES OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR FIREFIGHTER AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND CLOTHING.

**AGENDA OF:** May 2, 2023

**Assembly Action:**

*Adopted without objection 6-6-23*  


**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To Department/Director	Signature	Comments
Originator	<i>x [Signature]</i>	
Emergency Services Director	<i>x [Signature]</i>	
Finance Director	<i>x [Signature]</i>	
Borough Attorney	<i>x [Signature]</i>	
Borough Manager	<i>x [Signature]</i>	
Borough Clerk	<i>x [Signature]</i>	

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Fiscal Note: YES X NO       
 Ordinance Serial No. 23-040 (2 pp)  
 Resolution Serial No. 23-050 (2 pp)  
 VFA Award Chart and Grant Applications (10 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The borough fire services areas have been awarded grant funds from the Alaska State Division of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistant grant program in the amounts of \$5,999.75 for Butte, \$5,999.99 for Sutton, and \$6,000 for Talkeetna, for a combined total grant award of \$17,999.74.

The fire service areas must provide 10 % matching funds in order 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 \$17,999.74 from the Alaska State Division of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, appropriate \$1,799.97 in matching funds, and approve the scopes of work and budgets for project nos. 20144, 20255, and 20145, all fund 405, for firefighter and firefighting equipment, communications equipment, and clothing.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: May 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Accepting and appropriating \$17,999.74 from the Alaska State Division of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, appropriating \$1,799.97 in matching funds, and approving the scopes of work and budgets for firefighter and firefighting equipment, communications equipment, and clothing.

ORIGINATOR: Ken Barkley

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>YES</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>\$19,794.74</u>	FUNDING SOURCE
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>F.251/253/254.00.00 4xx.xxx</u>	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: <u>405.000.000 3xx.xxx</u>	PROJECT # <u>20144, 20145, &amp; 20255</u>
VERIFIED BY: <u>Cheryl W. L. L.</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>4-19-23</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds	<u>17.9</u>					
Other	<u>1.8</u>					
TOTAL	<u>19.7</u>					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTMENT: Cheryl W. L. L. DATE: 4/20/23  
 APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

IM No. 23-093  
Ordinance Serial No. 23-040  
Resolution Serial No. 23-050



<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>2023 Amount Awarded</u>
Delta Junction VFD	5,973.88
Rural Deltana VFD	\$6,000
Chena-Goldstream Fire & Rescue	\$5,848.20
North Pole VFD	\$6,000
North Star VFD	\$5,959.89
Ester VFD	\$5,658.41
Kennicott/McCarthy VFD	\$5,367.24
Kenny Lake VFD	\$5,887.71
GlennRich Fire Rescue	\$5,611.50
Tok VFD	\$5,992.00
Kachemak Emergency Services	\$5,923.60
Lowell Point VFD	\$6,000
Western Emergency Services Area	\$5,844.96
Seward FD	\$4,229.32
Bear Creek Fire/EMS dept	\$3,293.55
Moose Pass Vol. Fire Co.	\$5,239.78
Kenai FD	\$5,987.94
Cooper Landing VFD	\$5,384.36
Central Emergency Services	\$5,331.60
Nikisiki FD	\$4,358.47
Butte FD	\$5,999.75
Palmer Fire and Rescue	\$5,759.45
Talkeetna VFD	\$6,000
Sutton VFD	\$5,999.99
Trapper Creek	\$6,000.00
Houston FD	\$5,931.00
Gakona VFD	\$5,975
Girdwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue, INC	\$5,810.00
Whale Pass VFD	\$3,471.50
Haines VFD	\$6,000
Bethel FD	\$4,963.68
2023 VFA TOTAL	\$171,712.88



## 2023 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Application

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### Fire Departments

#### A. List years of last 5 VFA Grants

1. 2021
2. 2020
3. 2019
4. 2018
5. 2017

B. Are you in compliance with past Grants? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

C. Are you registered with the Alaska Division of Fire & Life Safety? Yes ☒ No ☐

D. Is your service area population less than 10,000? Yes ☒ No ☐

E. Is your Fire Department newly organized since January 1, 2022? Yes ☐ No ☒

F. Project is for? (Check all that apply) Organizing ☐ Training ☐ Equipment/Supplies ☒ Prevention ☐

G. Grant amount requested: \$5,999.75 (\$6,000 maximum)

### Applicant Information

Business (Legal Name) of Fire Department: Mat-Su Borough-Butte FSA

Address: 680 N. Seward-Meridian Pkwy

City: Wasilla Zip: 99654

Contact Person: Mat-Su Borough-Butte FSA

Phone Number: Work 907-861-8125 Home or Cell: 907-707-5742

Fax: 907-861-8401 Email: buttefsa@matsugov.us

FDID # 25300 Federal Tax ID# 92-0030816 SOA Vendor Number 25300

- 1) Does your Fire Department have a cooperative agreement with the Alaska Division of Forestry, the Department of Interior (DOI) or the USDA Forest Service? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 2) Your Cooperative Agreement is with: ☐ DOI Agency (BLM, FWS, BIA, NPS) ☒ Alaska Division of Forestry ☐ USDA Forest Service ☐ No Cooperative Agreements Agreement Number ak-dof-15-018
- 3) Are fire reports submitted to the Alaska Division of Forestry, BLM-Alaska Fire Service, USDA Forest Service or other federal agencies for all wildland fires attacked? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 4) Are ANFIRS reports submitted to the Alaska Division of Fire & Life Safety? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 5) Does your Fire Department respond to wildland fires outside of your service area? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 6) Is fire protection available to all residences, businesses and lands within your primary fire protection area without additional charge? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 7) Do you have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding Fire Departments? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 8) Average number of annual fire calls over the last three years? Wildland 25 Other 110
- 9) How many hours of fire training do you average per person per month? 24 hours. What percent is related to wildland fire training? 25 % What is the Fire Department's ISO rating? 5/10
- 10) How many paid members does your Fire Department have? 1 How many volunteer members? 29
- 11) How many members of your Fire Department are NWCG "red-carded" under the Incident Qualification System (IQS)? 15
- 12) Is your Fire Department NIMS compliant? Yes ☒ No ☐

**PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION**  
**10% MINIMUM MATCH REQUIREMENT**

**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.

There are three types of expenses, on wildland or structural fires, that can be funded under VFA. It should be clear from your description that the item clearly fits within one of these categories:

- **Organizational Improvements** – legal and administration fees, elections, advertising, etc. associated with forming a district, annexing an area to an existing district, or improving the administration of a newly formed district.
- **Equipment, Tools/Supplies, or Safety Improvements** – refer to the instruction manual for description of allowable items
- **Training – both Wildland or Structural**

Wildland is the priority but structural items can be requested.

If in-kind for match is used, list the type (hours attending training, donated time, meeting facility used for training, etc.) on one of the lines of the chart. If you have any questions regarding if certain activities are eligible as in-kind match, contact your local FMO or Fire Staff Officer prior to the application deadline.

**MAXIMUM FUNDING AWARD IS \$6,000**

Please indicate below if this item is to be used for Wildland (Wild), Structural (Struc), or Both.

Please list items in order of priority.

Wild	Struc	Both	ITEM DESCRIPTION & COST PER ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	MATCH TYPE (Cash or In-kind)	MATCHING SHARE AMOUNT (10% minimum)	DOF USE ONLY APPROVED
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TFT Vortex Nozzles with shutoff valve -1.5"NH Cost Per Item: 926.25	8	7,410.00	Cash	1,410.25	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
			<b>TOTALS</b>	8	7,410.00		1,410.25	

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 5,999.75

13) 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?

These new nozzles will replace older nozzles on our first due apparatus to structural and wildland incidents. The new nozzles will be able to operate at lower pump discharge pressures reducing firefighter fatigue, used as a smooth bore or fog nozzle, as well as add more penetrating power for suppression efforts. This will assist crews in puncturing through large brush pile cooling materials faster and use for structural/exposure protection.

Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date? Yes ☒ No ☐  
Is match documentation attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed Assurances-Non Construction, Certifications attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Have you attached a current copy of your Fire Department Registration? Yes ☒ No ☐

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#### Certification

Signatory below has the authority to obligate funds (i.e., Fire Chief, Treasurer, or Board Member).

The applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the information on this application is true and correct, and if awarded a VFA grant, will use those funds for the sole purpose of completing the project described on this application.

The applicant also certifies that they will comply with guidance, procedures, and rules identified in the 2023 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Manual.

Signature	Electronically signed on 01/18/2023	Date	01/18/2023
Type or Print Name	Michael Shipton	Title	Fire Chief

**DEADLINE: Must be received by JANUARY 31st, at 11:59 PM**



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### Fire Departments

#### A. List years of last 5 VFA Grants

1. 2020
2. 2018
3. 2014
4. 2013
5. 2012

B. Are you in compliance with past Grants? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

C. Are you registered with the Alaska Division of Fire & Life Safety? Yes ☒ No ☐

D. Is your service area population less than 10,000? Yes ☒ No ☐

E. Is your Fire Department newly organized since January 1, 2022? Yes ☐ No ☒

F. Project is for? (Check all that apply) Organizing ☐ Training ☐ Equipment/Supplies ☒ Prevention ☐

G. Grant amount requested: \$5,999.99 (\$6,000 maximum)

### Applicant Information

Business (Legal Name) of Fire Department: Mat-Su Borough-Sutton FSA

Address: 680 N. Seward-Meridian Pkwy

City: Wasilla Zip: 99654

Contact Person: Mat-Su Borough-Sutton FSA

Phone Number: Work 907-355-8626 Home or Cell: 907-861-8003

Fax: 907-861-8377 Email: suttonfsa@matsugov.us

FDID # 25110 Federal Tax ID# 92-0030816 SOA Vendor Number 25110

- 1) Does your Fire Department have a cooperative agreement with the Alaska Division of Forestry, the Department of Interior (DOI) or the USDA Forest Service? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 2) Your Cooperative Agreement is with: ☐ DOI Agency (BLM, FWS, BIA, NPS) ☒ Alaska Division of Forestry ☐ USDA Forest Service ☐ No Cooperative Agreements Agreement Number \_\_\_\_\_
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- 4) Are ANFIRS reports submitted to the Alaska Division of Fire & Life Safety? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 5) Does your Fire Department respond to wildland fires outside of your service area? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 6) Is fire protection available to all residences, businesses and lands within your primary fire protection area without additional charge? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 7) Do you have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding Fire Departments? Yes ☒ No ☐
- 8) Average number of annual fire calls over the last three years? Wildland 10 Other 50
- 9) How many hours of fire training do you average per person per month? 15 hours. What percent is related to wildland fire training? 12 % What is the Fire Department's ISO rating? 8B/10
- 10) How many paid members does your Fire Department have? 0 How many volunteer members? 12
- 11) How many members of your Fire Department are NWCG "red-carded" under the Incident Qualification System (IQS)? 3
- 12) Is your Fire Department NIMS compliant? Yes ☒ No ☐



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motorola APX4000 Cost Per Item: 3,828.69	2	7,657.38	Cash	1,657.39	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
			<b>TOTALS</b>	2	7,657.38		1,657.39	

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 5,999.99

13) 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?

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.

Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date? Yes ☒ No ☐  
Is match documentation attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Signature	Electronically signed on 01/18/2023	Date	01/18/2023
Type or Print Name	Sara Blydenburgh	Title	Office Assistant Sutton Fire Departme

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- 9) How many hours of fire training do you average per person per month? 20 hours. What percent is related to wildland fire training? 15 % What is the Fire Department's ISO rating? 4/4x
- 10) How many paid members does your Fire Department have? 0 How many volunteer members? 17
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Size Forest Fire Shelter, with Blue Carry Case and Plastic Liner Cost Per Item: 580.50	2	1,161.00	Cash	232.20	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5X100' Coupled 1.5NH Plain 187 Type I Forestry Hose Cost Per Item: 146.00	10	1,460.00	Cash	146.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1X100' Coupled 1NPSH Plain 187 Spec Type I SJ Hose Cost Per Item: 142.40	10	1,424.00	Cash	142.40	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyee Dual Compliant Fire Pant, Navy, 6oz Nomex Cost Per Item: 278.00	10	2,780.00	Cash	304.40	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
			<b>TOTALS</b>	32	6,825.00		825.00	

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 6,000.00

13) 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?

Items will be used to outfit first due engines and brush trucks to either further ability to respond or to replaces ageing equipment. PPE will be used to outfit responders for wildland calls in the area or when a truck is sent out of the area.

Are 10% matching funds or appropriate matching activities available as of this date? Yes ☒ No ☐  
Is match documentation attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed Assurances-Non Construction, Certifications attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Have you attached a current copy of your Fire Department Registration? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Signature	Electronically signed on 01/23/2023	Date	01/23/2023
Type or Print Name	Eric Chappel	Title	Fire Chief

**DEADLINE: Must be received by JANUARY 31st, at 11:59 PM**