

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,174.18 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING \$2,017.46 IN MATCHING FUNDS, AND APPROVING THE SCOPES OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR FIREFIGHTER AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

AGENDA OF: April 16, 2024

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	<div>3 / 29 / 2024</div> <div>X Casey Laughlin</div> <div>Signed by: Casey Laughlin</div>
Department Director	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X Ken Barkley</div> <div>Signed by: Ken Barkley</div>
Finance Director	<div>4 / 1 / 2024</div> <div>X Cheyenne Heindel</div> <div>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>4 / 2 / 2024</div> <div>X Nicholas Spiropoulos</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Borough Manager	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X Michael Brown</div> <div>Signed by: Michael Brown</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X Lonnie McKechnie</div> <div>Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie</div>

ATTACHMENT (S) : Ordinance Serial No. 24-048 (2 pp)
 Resolution Serial No. 24-046 (2 pp)
 VFA Award Chart and Grant Applications (11 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 \$6,912.27 for Caswell, \$6,261.91 for Willow, and \$7,000 for Talkeetna, for a combined total grant award of \$20,174.18.

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 \$20,174.18 from the Alaska State Division of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, appropriate \$2,017.46 in matching funds, and approve the scopes of work and budgets for project nos. 20150, 20146, and 20145, all fund 405, for firefighter and firefighting equipment and supplies.

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FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: April 16, 2024

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$22,191.64	FUNDING SOURCE Grant/Grant Match
FROM ACCOUNT # 248/254/258.000.000 4xx.xxx (grant match)	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: 405.000.000 3xx.xxx (grant)	PROJECT # 20145/20146/20150
VERIFIED BY: X <u>Liese l W e i l a n d</u> 4 / 1 / 2 0 2 4 Signed by: L i e s e l W e i l a n d	

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual	2.0					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	2.0					

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds	20.2					
Other	2.0					
TOTAL	22.2					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

APPROVED BY:	 X <u>C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</u> 4 / 1 / 2 0 2 4
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Signed by: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l

IM No. 24-086
Ordinance Serial No. 24-048
Resolution Serial No. 24-046



March 15th, 2024

To State of Alaska Fire Departments:

Thank you for applying for the 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) grants, formerly known as VFA. Forty-one (41) fire departments applied for a VFC grant requesting a total of \$266,198 in assistance. Forty (40) Alaska Fire Departments will receive up to \$7,000 per fire department. A total of **\$259,198** 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. If a VFD did not receive any funding or will receive a partial award, please contact your respective DOF Fire Management Officer (FMO) with any questions you may have.

- Checks will be distributed electronically by association with the VFD's SOA vendor number and the SOA electronic payment agreement. Electronic disbursements are expected by no later than May 2024.
- To be eligible for a 2025 VFC grant, compliance documentation, such as copies of receipts for 2024 grant expenditures, must be submitted to your nearest Forestry office before submitting a 2024 application.
- 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 www.fs.usda.gov/internet/fse_documents/fseprd526908.pdf
- The OMB Circulars are available on the internet at www.ecfr.gov

If an application is unsuccessful, do not be discouraged and continue to apply every year by submitting an online application package by the deadline.

Sincerely,

Sarah Saarloos, Fire Staff Officer

State of Alaska, DNR

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

2024 VFA Grant Awards

Fire Department	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Division of Forestry Office
Delta Junction VFD	\$6,246.00	\$6,246.00	Delta Area Office
Rural Deltana VFD	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Delta Area Office
Ester VFD	\$6,998.48	\$6,998.48	Fairbanks Area Office
McKinley VFD	\$6,993.00	\$6,993.00	Fairbanks Area Office
Nenana Fire/EMS Dept.	\$6,252.34	\$6,252.34	Fairbanks Area Office
North Pole FD	\$6,489.00	\$6,489.00	Fairbanks Area Office
North Star VFD	\$6,281.10	\$6,281.10	Fairbanks Area Office
Steese Area VFD	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Fairbanks Area Office
Tri-Valley VFD	\$4,495.50	\$4,495.50	Fairbanks Area Office
Bayside Volunteer Fire Department	\$6,975.00	\$6,975.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Bear Creek Fire/EMS Department	\$6,299.96	\$6,299.96	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Central Emergency Services	\$6,520.50	\$6,520.50	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
City of Whittier Fire Department	\$6,231.50	\$6,231.50	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Cooper Landing VFD	\$5,075.70	\$5,075.70	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Homer VFD	\$6,098.77	\$6,098.77	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Kachemak Emerg. Services	\$6,999.10	\$6,999.10	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Kenai FD	\$5,588.73	\$5,588.73	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Lowell Point VFD	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Nikiski FD	\$5,808.60	\$5,808.60	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Seward FD	\$6,303.67	\$6,303.67	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Western Emergency Services Area	\$6,782.66	\$6,782.66	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Womens Bay VFD	\$6,067.39	\$6,067.39	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Caswell Lakes FSA #135	\$6,912.27	\$6,912.27	Mat Su Area
Chickaloon Fire Service, Inc.	\$6,104.70	\$6,104.70	Mat Su Area
Chugiak Vol. Fire and Rescue Co. Inc.	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	Mat Su Area
Houston FD	\$6,840.00	\$6,840.00	Mat Su Area
Palmer Fire and Rescue	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Mat Su Area
Talkeetna VFD	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Mat Su Area
Willow VFD	\$6,261.91	\$6,261.91	Mat Su Area
Haines VFD	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Southeast Alaska
Hyder VFD	\$6,696.00	\$6,696.00	Southeast Alaska
Sitka FD	\$6,233.40	\$6,233.40	Southeast Alaska
Saint Paul Dept. of Public Safety	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Southwest District
Native Village of Eagle	\$6,999.63	\$6,999.63	State of Alaska Protection
Dot Lake VFD	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	Tok Area Office
Tok VFD	\$6,354.55	\$6,354.55	Tok Area Office
Gakona VFD	\$6,948.00	\$6,948.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
GlennRich Fire Rescue	\$6,999.65	\$6,999.65	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kennicott/McCarthy VFD	\$6,291.00	\$6,291.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kenny Lake VFD	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Valdez FD	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
GRAND TOTAL	\$266,198.11	\$259,198.11	



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Fire Departments

A. List years of last 5 VFA Grants

1. 2022
2. 2021
3. 2020
4. 2019
5. 2018

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, 2023? Yes ☐ No ☒

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

G. Grant amount requested: \$7,000.00 (\$7,000 maximum)

Applicant Information

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

Address: 680 N. Seward-Meridian Pkwy

City: Wasilla Zip: 99654

Contact Person: Mat-Su Borough-Talkeetna FSA

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

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

FDID # 25500 Federal Tax ID# 92-0030816 SOA Vendor Number 25500

- 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 _____
- 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 20 Other 20
- 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? 1 How many volunteer members? 13
- 11) How many members of your Fire Department are NWCG "red-carded" under the Incident Qualification System (IQS)? 1.
- 12) Is your Fire Department NIMS compliant? Yes ☒ No ☐

PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION
10% MINIMUM MATCH REQUIREMENT

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MAXIMUM FUNDING AWARD IS \$7,000

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class A Foam Cost Per Item: 112.00	19	2,128.00	Cash	212.80	1,915.20
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 inch LDH hose - Water Supply Cost Per Item: 380.00	15	5,700.00	Cash	615.20	5,084.80
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			TOTALS	34	7,828.00		828.00	7,000.00

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 7,000.00

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?

Hose and Foam are essential to wildland fire fighting. Due to our location we tend to be the first on scene and supply water during a wildland event. Much of our hose will be out of date and this will allow us to keep running long lays to locations. Foam is a supply that aids in wildland structure protection and having a supply on hand allows us to do our best when protecting homes.

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 2024 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Manual.

Signature	Electronically signed on 01/19/2024	Date	01/19/2024
Type or Print Name	Eric Walter Chappel	Title	Talkeetna Fire Chief

DEADLINE: Must be received by FEBRUARY 18th, at 11:59 PM



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

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

G. Grant amount requested: \$6,912.27 (\$7,000 maximum)

Applicant Information

Business (Legal Name) of Fire Department: Caswell Fire Department

Address: PO Box 177

City: Willow Zip: 99688-0177

Contact Person: Caswell Fire Department

Phone Number: Work 907-707-5566 Home or Cell: 907-861-8003

Fax: 907-861-8377 Email: richard.boothby@matsugov.us

FDID # 25135 Federal Tax ID# 920030816 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
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- 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 5 Other 72
- 9) How many hours of fire training do you average per person per month? 15 hours. What percent is related to wildland fire training? 10 % What is the Fire Department's ISO rating? 5/5Y
- 10) How many paid members does your Fire Department have? 2 How many volunteer members? 8
- 11) How many members of your Fire Department are NWCG "red-carded" under the Incident Qualification System (IQS)? 8.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Everything quickly attaches with the hybrid Spyder Gear attachment system. Removable New Generation shelter case that can be rear mounted. Removable gear bag with 250 cu in capacity (8"x8"x3"). Removable accessory pocket holds 1L water bottle. Cost Per Item: 172.46	5	862.30	Cash	86.23	776.07
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3" x 50' hose coupled 2.5NH yellow supply double jacketed hose. Cost Per Item: 487.00	14	6,818.00	Cash	681.80	6,136.20
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			TOTALS	19	7,680.30		768.03	6,912.27

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 6,912.27

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?

Caswell just put into service a new type 6 engine. This equipment, line packs and 200' of 3" supply hose will be placed on the type 6 engine and the remainder of the hose, 500', placed on our type 4 tenders to replace 20+ year old hose.

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 12/27/2023	Date	12/27/2023
Type or Print Name	Richard D Boothby	Title	District % Chief Willow/Caswell

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Address: 680 N Seward-Meridian Pkwy

City: Wasilla Zip: 99654

Contact Person: Richard Boothby

Phone Number: Work 907-707-5566 Home or Cell: 907-861-8003

Fax: 907-861-8377 Email: richard.boothby@matsugov.us

FDID # 25600 Federal Tax ID# 920030816 SOA Vendor Number 25300

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Spyder Gear Pack Cost Per Item: 158.71	8	1,269.68	Cash	126.97	1,142.71
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Large Size Fire Shelter with Liner. Cost Per Item: 681.00	3	2,043.00	Cash	204.30	1,838.70
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Size Fire Shelter with liner Cost Per Item: 607.50	6	3,645.00	Cash	364.50	3,280.50
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			TOTALS	17	6,957.68		695.77	6,261.91

Grant Funding Requested (Total cost minus 10% fire department match share) \$ 6,261.91

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?

Willow FSA is putting a new type 6 engine into service spring of 2024. Shelters will replace old out of service shelters and equip new type 6 engine. Spyder pack carry shelters and water.

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 ☐

The funding amounts available through the VFA program are limited. There are often more requests than funding available. Due to this limitation some requests may go unfilled, others may receive an amount less than requested, and some will get the full amount requested. ***VFA funding is dependent on receipt of federal funds and is not guaranteed.***

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 2024 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Manual.

Signature	Electronically signed on 12/27/2023	Date	12/27/2023
Type or Print Name	Richard D Boothby	Title	District 5 Chief Willow/Caswell

DEADLINE: Must be received by FEBRUARY 18th, at 11:59 PM