



North Dakota Forest Service

2026 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grants - NON-VEHICLE Information

Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Overview

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| Program Administrator | This grant is administered by the North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) in cooperation with USDA Forest Service (USFS). |
| Funds Available | Grant funds will be available for the purposes of enhancing fire protection and prevention capabilities of ND Fire Departments (FD). These funds may be used for vehicle purchases, equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighter training, fire awareness, and prevention efforts. |
| Cost-Share Requirements | The applicant must match at least 50% of the total cost of the project from sources other than the federal government. This amount may be in the form of cash, services, or in-kind contributions. |
| Maintenance Requirements | The FD gives NDFS permission to examine all records related to purchases or projects receiving grant funds consistent with the Cooperative Fire Agreement to ensure compliance with the program. Additionally, NDFS will conduct a biannual inventory on department awarded grant-funded vehicles. |
| Application Requirements | <p>FD <u>MUST</u> report all wildfires to NDFS utilizing ESO, the online fire reporting tool.</p> <p>Only FDs that service a population of 10,000 or less are eligible to submit an application.</p> <p>FDs must be recognized by and have a valid 2025 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal. They must also be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant.</p> <p>FDs must have a signed Cooperative Fire Agreement with NDFS. Contact Aaron at 701-328-9946 or Aaron.bucholz@ndsu.edu to complete an agreement.</p> <p>FDs must attach cost estimate or quote sheets for equipment and vehicles to the application. If using an online website, send a copy of the items in the cart or basket. Do not send catalog pages or website pages.</p> <p>If applying for communication and wildland equipment, PPE, training and tools, one application can be used for all of these items. If applying for a vehicle, a separate application is required. FD's may apply for both types of grants within the same year.</p> <p>No handwritten application will be accepted.</p> |
| Application Deadline | Applications must be emailed or postmarked by 03/06/2026. Late applications will not be accepted. |
| Awards | <p>Applicants will be notified via an award letter sent to the address listed on the grant application.</p> <p>Applicants cannot order or purchase any items to be reimbursed before the arrival of an official NDFS award letter. Estimate(s) or quote(s) are required to be included when submitting the grant application.</p> <p><u>FD must provide proof that the items were ordered by submitting invoices with the description of the item(s) ordered to NDFS.FireGrants@ndsu.edu before April 30, 2026.</u></p> <p>Award letters will specify what items may be purchased with the awarded grant funds. Any deviation from what is included within the award letter will result in being ineligible for reimbursement.</p> |



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Please use the category information listed below when completing the grant application.

The following grant categories listed in order of priority are eligible for the Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant (CFPA) 50% cost-share program:

1. Vehicles - Use the *VEHICLE* application form if applying for a vehicle grant.

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$25,000 for a vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$50,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$25,000.

- Brush truck, command vehicle, pumper, water tender or UTV

2. Wildland PPE

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$15,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$30,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$15,000.

- Wildland pants, shirts, shelter, boots, helmets, and gloves, etc.

3. Communications Equipment & Training

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$15,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A department may spend more than \$30,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$15,000.

- Radios, pagers (must be P-25 compliant)
- Priority is given to NWCG and ICS courses

4. Wildland Fire Equipment

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$15,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A department may spend more than \$30,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$15,000.

- Fire line tools, pulaskis, shovels, flappers, etc.
- Pumps, hose, drop tanks, etc.
- Skid unit assemblies

5. Structural Firefighting PPE

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$15,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$30,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$15,000.

- Structure turnout gear, helmets, boots, air packs, etc.

6. Structural Firefighting Equipment

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$15,000 for a non-vehicle grant award.

A FD may spend more than \$30,000 but the maximum award amount cannot exceed \$15,000.

- Structural firefighting tools - Includes but not limited to pike poles, ventilation saws, generators, etc.

IMPORTANT:

For all categories other than vehicle, a single piece of equipment may not cost more than \$10,000.

If a FD fails to comply, reimbursement will be denied.

NON-VEHICLE 2026 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance (CFPA) Grant

Fire Department Information

Fire Department (FD) _____ Fire Department ID# _____

Name FD Street Address _____ FD Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Fire Chief _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

As of April 4, 2022 the **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** has replaced the **DUNS number**. If you are registered in SAM.gov now, you've already been assigned a Unique Entity ID. It's [viewable on your entity registration record](#) in SAM.gov. If you need to update or renew your registration, you will still need to ensure your renewal or updates occur on time and as required, but this does not affect whether you have been assigned a Unique Entity ID. If you have a registration, you already have a Unique Entity ID. If your entity is not registered now, when you do register your entity in SAM.gov, you'll be assigned a Unique Entity ID as a part of the registration process.

Please identify your organization's 12-character (alpha-numeric) code:

Contact Person Responsible for this Grant:

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Secondary Contact Person _____

Secondary Phone Number _____ Secondary Email Address _____

District Information

The population within our FD's immediate area of response (do not include mutual aid area)


YES NO Our department reports fires to the NDFS and NFIRS using the online, ESO Emergency Reporting tool.

YES NO Our department protects federal lands and we report fires to that agency.

YES NO Our department has a valid 2025 Certificate of Existence on file with the State Fire Marshal

The total number of wildland fire responses in 2025. *(This should match fires reported in ESO)*

The total number of non-wildland (structure, EMS, etc.) responses in 2025. *(This should match reports in ESO)*

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|  | This section to be completed by NDFS OFFICE ONLY | Last CFPA grant was awarded in _____ | Cooperative Fire Agreement on file with NDFS? YES____ NO____ | Fall 2025 Cert. of Dept. Exist. at ND Fire Marshal Office? YES____ NO____ | FIRES REPORTED: Wildland Stated____ Wildland Reported____ Other Stated____ Other Reported____ |
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Request for Wildland PPE

See 2026 NON-VEHICLE CFPA Grant Application Page B to define category of items

- List the items as well as the cost of each item for which you are seeking grant funds.
- Submit the matching estimate or quote sheets from vendor(s) with this application.
- Applications that do not list the items and provide estimate or quote sheets do not meet the minimum requirements and therefore, will not be considered for review by the Grant Review Committee.

Wildland PPE Items

Qty

Cost PER Item

Total Per Line

TOTAL of Wildland PPE

Request for Communications Equipment & Trainings

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| Communications Equipment & Trainings Items | Qty | Cost PER Item | Total Per Line |
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TOTAL of Communications Equipment & Trainings

Request for Wildland Fire Equipment

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| Wildland Fire Equipment Items | Qty | Cost PER Item | Total Per Line |
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TOTAL of Wildland Fire Equipment

Request for Structural Firefighting PPE

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- Submit the matching estimate or quote sheets from vendor(s) with this application.
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| Structural Firefighting PPE Items | Qty | Cost PER Item | Total Per Line |
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TOTAL of Structural Firefighting PPE

Request for Structural Firefighting Equipment

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| Structural Firefighting Equipment Items | Qty | Cost PER Item | Total Per Line |
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TOTAL of Structural Firefighting Equipment

NON-VEHICLE Justification of Request

Describe in detail what your department is requesting.

Why is the request important to your department and community?

NON-VEHICLE Justification of Request

Should you be approved, what is the timetable for completion?
(reimbursement *MUST* be postmarked no later than August 31, 2026)

What will be the match for this project? Provide details on how your department will meet match requirements.

What additional information would you like to share with the review committee to help evaluate your request?

Transferred from totals on pages 2-6:

Wildland PPE - *from page 2*

Communication Equipment & Training - *from page 3*

Wildland Fire Equipment - *from page 4*

Structure PPE - *from page 5*

Structure Fire Equipment - *from page 6*

Total of above five rows (all Items pages 2-6)

| GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED / MATCH FROM FD / TOTAL PROJECT COST |
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| Grant Funds Requested - <i>Cannot exceed \$15,000 and FD must provide a minimum 50% match</i> |
| Cash Match from FD - <i>Department match can exceed \$15,000 but 50% minimum cash match required by FD</i> |
| Department Total Project Cost |

Completed application must be submitted or postmarked by Thursday, March 6, 2026

Email completed grant application and cost estimate sheets from vendors to NDFS.FireGrants@ndsu.edu

or mail to: CFPA Grant Applications

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916 E Interstate Ave Ste. 4

Bismarck, ND 58503

For additional information or questions contact: Kelly Scholl Fire Administrative Assistant (701) 328-9990

Mary Fisk, Bismarck Office Manager (701) 328-9944

Aaron Bucholz, Cooperative Fire Protection Technician (701) 328-9946

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