



North Dakota Forest Service

2026 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grants - VEHICLE Information

Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Overview

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>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 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant Categories listed in order of priority will be eligible for the Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance Grant 50% cost-share program:

1. **Vehicles - may include the purchase of brush trucks, pumpers, tenders, etc.**
2. **Wildland PPE, Tools and Training; Skid Unit**
3. **Communications and Wildland Equipment**
4. **Structural PPE and Structural Firefighting Tools**

1. **Vehicles - may include the purchase of brush trucks, pumpers, tenders, etc.**

As a 50/50 cost share grant, NDFS will award up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a vehicle. A FD may spend more than \$50,000 but the maximum award amount will not exceed \$25,000.

- FDs that have previously received a vehicle grant award through NDFS are not eligible for the 2026 Vehicle grant award.
- Inventory Requirements: The FD will be required to make the vehicle available on a biannual basis for a property inventory. This regulation is set by NDSU-NDFS with zero flexibility. If a FD fails to produce the piece of equipment in question for a property inventory, the department will be held liable for the federal portion of the award amount. **An identifying tag will always be displayed in the cab showing that this vehicle was purchased using federal funds.**
- Titling and Registration: FD will be required to insure and register their respective awarded vehicle. The original title, which is to be in the FDs name, must be sent to the NDFS where it will be retained.
- Disposal Requirements: Since the vehicle is partially funded by federal grant dollars, the FD will be required to contact NDFS when considering disposal or transfer of a grant-funded vehicle.

2. **Wildland PPE and Training; Skid Unit** - *Use the NON-VEHICLE application form.*

3. **Communications and Wildland Equipment** - *Use the NON-VEHICLE application form.*

4. **Structural PPE; Structural Firefighting Tools** - *Use the NON-VEHICLE application form.*

VEHICLE - 2026 Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance (CFPA) Grant

Fire Department Information

Fire Department (FD)		Fire Department ID#	
Name		FD Mailing Address	
FD Street 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

What is the population within your FD's immediate area of response (do not include mutual aid area)?

YES NO Does your department report fires to the NDFS and NFIRS using the online, using the 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)*

Application Request This application is for a vehicle only. If applying for other categories please use the non-vehicle application.


YES NO Will this vehicle replace a FEPP or FFP vehicle?

Vehicle Year/Make/Model for which you are seeking funds

Grant Funds Requested from NDFS - cannot exceed \$25,000 for a vehicle and FD must provide a minimum 50% match

Cash Match from Fire Department - department match can exceed \$25,000 but 50% minimum cash match by FD required

Department Total Project Cost

	This section to be completed by NDFS OFFICE ONLY	Last CFPA grant was awarded in	Cooperative Fire Agreement on file with NDFS?	Fall 2025 Cert. of Dept. Exist. at ND Fire Marshal Office? YES NO	FIRES REPORTED:
		_____	YES NO	_____	Wildland Stated _____ Wildland Reported _____ Other Stated _____ Other Reported _____

VEHICLE Justification of Request - See 2026 VEHICLE CFPA Grant Application Page B

Describe in detail what your department is requesting.

Why is the request important to your department and community?

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?

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**
North Dakota Forest Service
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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