



**RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING SUMMARY – MEETING 5
JULY, 2003**

During the 77th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2604, establishing the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The program assists fire departments with the purchase of equipment and training. Funds for the program are set at \$15 million per year, and became available on September 1, 2002.

On July 28, 2003, the Texas Forest Service conducted its final meeting for FY 2003 to review applications and award funding. At that meeting, over \$800,000 in approvals were awarded to fire departments across the state.

All departments receiving awards will be sent an official Letter of Approval. Any requests for assistance not approved at this meeting will continue to be reviewed at future funding meetings.

The next funding meeting will be held in September, 2003, so any eligible departments who are interested in the program are encouraged to apply. Unfunded applications will remain active for three years.

Fifth Meeting Approvals:

VFD	County	Equipment Category	Cost-Share Amount
ALVARADO VFD	JOHNSON	TRAINING TUITION	\$980
BLACK JACK V F D	BURLESON	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
BOONSVILLE-BALSORA VFD	WISE	TRAINING TUITION	\$490
BRADY V F D	MCCULLOCH	TANKER	\$108,000
CASTROVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	MEDINA	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
CHILDRESS VFD	CHILDRESS	TRAINING TUITION	\$1,400
CLEVELAND V F D	LIBERTY	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
COOPER V F D	DELTA	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
COOPER V F D	DELTA	TANKER	\$108,000
HUNTSVILLE VFD	WALKER	TRAINING TUITION	\$450
FLOYDADA V F D	FLOYD	BRUSH TRUCK SMALL	\$54,000
KENEFICK V F D	LIBERTY	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
LIBERTY V F D	LIBERTY	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
LORAINE V F D	MITCHELL	BRUSH TRUCK SMALL	\$54,000
LORENZO V F D	CROSBY	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
OSAGE V F D	RANDALL	TANKER	\$108,000
PALESTINE SOUTHSIDE V F D	ANDERSON	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
PECOS V F D	REEVES	TANKER	\$108,000
PINELAND V F D	SABINE	COMPUTERS	\$1,000

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RIVERCREST REDLAND V F D	ANGELINA	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
ROBY V F D	FISHER	BRUSH TRUCK SMALL	\$54,000
ROSCOE V F D	NOLAN	TRAINING LIBRARY	\$10,000
ROSS V F D	MCLENNAN	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
SKELLYTOWN AREA VOL FF- EMS ASSOC, INC.	CARSON	BRUSH TRUCK LARGE	\$90,000
SONORA V F D	SUTTON	BRUSH TRUCK SMALL	\$54,000
TIMPSON V F D	SHELBY	COMPUTERS	\$1,000
WATER VALLEY V F D	TOM GREEN	BRUSH TRUCK SMALL	\$54,000
TOTAL			\$817,320