



Capacity Building At A Glance

	FY 2022	Inception through FY22
Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2001 by House Bill 2604 Provides grants to rural VFDs for firefighting vehicles, fire/rescue equipment, protective clothing, computer systems, dry hydrants, and firefighter training Currently funded at \$17,276,394 million per year 	60 Truck Grants 294 Equipment Grants 1,680 Tuition Grants 99 Training Aids 4,561 Trainees \$17,688,044.54	2,071 Truck Grants 10,329 Equipment Grants 27,362 Tuition Grants 1,748 Training Aids 94,613 Trainees \$322,943,801.54
Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds: Federal funds used by RVFDAP	\$910,771.83	\$10,890,679.23
Emergency Grants (through RVFDAP): Available for states of disaster (replacement/repair of damaged or lost equipment) and catastrophic losses (cost-share apparatus or other HB 2604 program elements, or repair/replacement of essential equipment)	143 State of Disaster Grants \$732,557.10	307 State of Disaster Grants \$1,491,749.30
	33 Catastrophic Loss Grants \$1,179,142.64	73 Catastrophic Loss Grants \$2,460,936.21
DoD Firefighter Property (FFP) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2010 Provides excess Department of Defense military property to VFDs. Ownership of the equipment is passed from the federal government to the fire department. 	62 Assists 109 Items \$7,563,069.08	937 Assists 1,153 Items \$99,580,473.16
Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in 1949, launched in Texas in 1975 Provides excess federal property on loan at no cost to VFDs 	Actively Assigned Property: 239 Communities 349 Assets \$14,986,584.49	6,262 Communities 6307 Assets \$97,111,895.47
Helping Hands Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 1997 by House Bill 680 Allows donations of used fire/rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to be made available to VFDs while relieving donors of liability 	94 Departments \$2,470,638.00	1,174 Departments \$35,458,046.90
Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB 3667) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2001 by House Bill 3667 Reimburses eligible VFDs for insurance (workers' comp., death/disability, accident/sickness, etc.) from private Texas insurance companies Reimburses 100% of the actual cost, up to a maximum of \$185 per fire department member Funded by a 2% sales tax on the sale of fireworks Application period: November 1 - July 31 	13,993 Firefighters 591 Departments \$2,074,888.94	249,105 Firefighters 9,914 Departments \$24,189,169.21
Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2009 Provides grants to career fire departments and non-2604 eligible VFDs for firefighting vehicles and training tuitions Currently funded at \$1 million per year from insurance maintenance taxes/fees 	132 Tuition Grants 536 Trainees 3 Fire Apparatus \$983,375.07	2,185 Tuition Grants 9,630 Trainees 58 Fire Apparatus \$12,650,568.45
VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program (Risk Pool) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 1995 by Senate Bill 1232 Provides low cost vehicle liability insurance, \$75/vehicle/year Coverage levels: \$100k per person for bodily injury, max \$300k per occurrence; \$100k for property damage, max \$100k per occurrence 	150 VFDs 651 Vehicles	660 VFDs 5,335 Vehicles