

Special Announcement

Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)

The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program will continue through fiscal year 2025, at an annual grant budget of **\$17 million**. Texas A&M Forest Service is also receiving **\$5 million in additional funding** for FY25, which will be focused on funding more truck requests.

The following changes are effective as of September 1st, 2024:

Maximum Reimbursement Amounts Increased

The maximum reimbursement rates for many grant categories have been increased.

Category	Maximum Allowable
Tender	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$275,000 (\$293,000 for CAFS-equipped)
Large Brush Truck	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$250,000 (\$268,000 for CAFS-equipped)
Small Brush Truck	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$150,000 (\$168,000 for CAFS-equipped)
Slip-on Unit	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$30,000 (\$48,000 for CAFS-equipped)
FFP Slip-on Unit	100% of the actual cost not to exceed \$30,000
Fire/Rescue Equipment	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$25,000
Personal Protective Equipment	90% of the actual cost not to exceed \$25,000

Special Reminder:

Be sure to update your apparatus requests on FireConnect to include information regarding apparatus replacement.

Also, be sure to always keep your department profile on FireConnect up-to-date!

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