

Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines

Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

Responsibilities of the Fire Department Following Notice of Grant Approval:

1. Purchase approved item(s).
2. Submit for Reimbursement via [FireConnect](#), and upload the following supporting documents:
 - Proof of Payment
 - Copies of Signed Check(s)
 - Credit Card Receipt(s)
 - Paid Vendor Invoice(s) showing the last 4 digits of credit card used
 - Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) Showing the Purchase
3. Texas A&M Forest Service will then issue a reimbursement check or direct deposit of 90% of the cost, up to the specified amount shown on the approval notice.
4. Grants for PPE will expire **6 months** from the approval date. Extensions may be available upon request via [FireConnect](#).

Complete List of Eligible Items

Structural Gear

- Bunker Coat
- Bunker Pants
- Structural Boots
- Structural Helmet
- Structural Goggles
- Structural Hood
- Structural Gloves
- Structural Suspenders
- Ear/Neck/Face Protectors (Shrouds)
- Visors
- Gear Bags

Wildland Gear

- Aramid Coveralls
- Aramid Pants
- Aramid Shirt
- Aramid Jacket
- Wildland Suspenders
- Wildland Gloves
- Wildland Hardhat
- Wildland Goggles
- Wildland Boots
- Ear/Neck/Face Protectors (Shrouds)
- Reflective Trim
- Fire Shelter
- Gear Bags

Other Equipment

- PPE Extractors and Dryers

Note:

- *Only the items listed above are eligible for cost-share reimbursement*
- *Wildland PPE must meet the most current requirements of NFPA 1977 for wildland gear*
- *Structural PPE must meet the current requirements of NFPA 1971 for structural gear*



Fire/Rescue Equipment Guidelines

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Responsibilities of the Fire Department Following Notice of Grant Approval:

1. Purchase the approved item or items.
2. Submit for Reimbursement via [FireConnect](#), and upload the following supporting documents:
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3. Grants for fire/rescue equipment will expire **6 months** from the approval date. Extensions may be available upon request via [FireConnect](#).

List of Pre-Approved Items:

- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Thermal Camera
- Cascade System
- Extrication Equipment
- Gear Bags
- Computers (limit of 2 per department)
- Hose, Nozzles, and Ladders
- Emergency Lighting
- Portable Tank
- Generator
- Ventilation Fans and Saws
- Flashlights
- Small Engine (Pump)
- Fire Pump
- Communications Equipment
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- UTVs ([see minimum required specs](#))

Note:

- Items listed above are examples of items approved for cost-share reimbursement.
- Please contact us with specific questions regarding eligible items.
- Equipment or services purchased prior to the award date are ineligible for grant assistance under this program.
- If an individual item is valued at \$5,000 or greater, it must be inspected by a member of our field staff before a grant reimbursement can be issued.



Dry Hydrant Guidelines

Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

Responsibilities of the Fire Department Following Notice of Grant Approval:

1. Equipment or services purchased prior to the award date are ineligible for grant assistance under this program.
2. Locate, purchase, and install the dry hydrant components and materials following notification of approval.
3. Grant assistance will be provided for purchasing dry hydrants or floating dry hydrant components and materials including the cost of hard suction hose and the purchase of a culvert.
4. Grant reimbursement is for materials only. The cost of labor and installation is not included. The receiving fire departments will assume responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the hydrant, along with any charges for materials above the allotted grant amount.
5. A water usage agreement should be signed by each landowner that provides a water source.
6. Submit for Reimbursement via [FireConnect](#), and upload the following supporting documents:
 - Proof of Payment
 - Copies of Signed Check(s)
 - Credit Card Receipt(s)
 - Paid Vendor Invoice(s) showing the last 4 digits of credit card used
 - Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) Showing the Purchase
7. Texas A&M Forest Service will then issue a check for components and material cost, not to exceed \$1,200 per dry hydrant.
8. Grants for dry hydrants will expire **6 months** from the approval date. Extensions may be available upon request via [FireConnect](#).

Training Aids Guidelines

Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

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 - Copies of Signed Check(s)
 - Credit Card Receipt(s)
 - Paid Vendor Invoice(s) showing the last 4 digits of credit card used
 - Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) Showing the Purchase
3. Grants for fire/rescue equipment will expire **6 months** from the approval date. Extensions may be available upon request via [FireConnect](#).

Please Note:

Equipment or services purchased prior to the award date are ineligible for grant assistance under this program.

Eligible Items:

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| • Rescue Mannequins | • Subscription Training Services |
| • Smoke Machines | • Training Manuals |
| • Practice Fire Shelters | • Training Videos |
| • Equipment Simulation Devices | • Ready-made Forcible Entry or Ventilation Cut Props |
| • Electronic Projectors | • Television (one per award) |
| • Computer (one per award) | |

Ineligible Items:

- Training Buildings or Drill Towers
- Conex Containers

If there is an item you wish to purchase that is not found on the list of eligible items, please complete the attached form to request consideration of the specific item.

Grant recipients are encouraged to share training resources locally/regionally to benefit the greatest number of trainees.

Training publications and videos may be purchased through the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association and other providers.

The Program will reimburse for the establishment of a fire publications and video training library. Fire publications and videos should be kept at a location that is accessible by county or regional fire departments.

