# The Fire Department Grant Guide

*How to find, write and win funding for training and equipment — with every national program and state-by-state listings for all 50 states*

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# Part 1 — How to Apply for Fire Department Grants

Most fire department grants are won before the application window ever opens. The departments that get funded year after year are not the ones with the best writers — they are the ones with their registrations current, their incident data clean, their need documented, and their narrative drafted months in advance. This guide walks through that process from first registration to final report, then lists the programs available nationally and in each state.

Nothing here is legal or financial advice. Programs change every year; always read the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or program guidance before you apply.

**How to use this guide**

Part 1 walks through the process: readiness, building your case, choosing a program, writing the narrative, and managing the award.

Part 2 lists programs open to departments in every state, in rough order of how directly they fund training equipment.

Part 3 lists state-specific programs for each state. The 'Prop fit' column is Vulka's read on whether a program has funded, or by its rules can fund, firefighter training props: Strong fit, Likely fit, Confirm with the agency, or Not for props (still worth knowing, because it may free local dollars).

Every entry carries a direct link. Links and dates were current in October 2026.

## Step 1 — Get grant-ready before you need the money

- SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity ID (UEI). Required for every federal grant and for most state programs that pass through federal funds (and for several state-only programs such as Illinois' Small Equipment Grant). Registration is free and takes up to four weeks; it must be renewed annually and kept active for the life of any award.
- FEMA GO account with a current Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Test your login before the NOFO drops — forgotten passwords and lapsed AORs disqualify departments every year.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN) and a W-9 for the legal applicant (the municipality, fire district, or nonprofit corporation — not an individual).
- Incident reporting compliance. NFIRS (now transitioning to NERIS) reporting for the past 12–24 months is a hard eligibility gate for AFG and for most state programs. If you are behind, fix that first.
- State recognition. Your FDID number, state fire marshal certification or recognition certificate, and any state-specific registration (Edison supplier ID in Tennessee, FireConnect in Texas, OLAS in Alaska, AmpliFund/GATA in Illinois, wvOASIS in West Virginia, and so on).
- NIMS compliance and a signed statewide mutual aid agreement where your state requires them.
- Financial documents on hand: last two or three annual budgets, most recent audit or financial review, bank and EFT information, and your governing board's authorization to apply and to accept the award.
- Nonprofit status documents if you are a 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) company — the IRS determination letter and state charity registration. Note that some private funders (Walmart, for example) exclude (c)(4) organizations.
- A grant file: a shared folder where every document above lives, with an expiration-date tracker.

## Step 2 — Build the case before you pick the grant

- Start with the problem, not the product. Funders pay to reduce a risk; the equipment is just how you propose to do it. Write one paragraph that states the risk in your community, the gap in your current capability, and what happens if nothing changes.
- Pull the data that proves it: call volume by type for three years, population and demographics served, square miles and response times, mutual aid given and received, ISO class, staffing levels, injuries and near-misses, training hours per member, and the age and condition of what you have now.
- Document what you tried. Reviewers want to see that you pursued local funding, fundraising, budget requests and other grants before asking them. Keep the denial letters and budget minutes.

- Get a current, itemized vendor quote that includes tax, freight and any installation. Several funders (Firehouse Subs especially) reject applications where the quote does not match the request to the dollar.
- Compute cost per use and cost per firefighter trained. A $6,000 prop used 24 nights a year by 20 members for 10 years costs about $1.25 per training contact. Numbers like that carry a cost-benefit section.
- Tie the request to a standard: NFPA 1001 job performance requirements, NFPA 1407 (RIT), NFPA 1403 (live fire), your state firefighter certification curriculum, ISO training credit, or your own SOGs. Reviewers reward alignment with published standards and program priorities.

## Step 3 — Choose the right program and read it twice

- Match the program to the purchase. AFG Operations & Safety funds training props outright; SAFER funds people; FP&S funds prevention. Many state forestry (VFA/VFC) grants are limited to wildland equipment; many state fire marshal grants are limited to PPE or a published equipment list. Check the eligible-cost list before you spend a minute writing.
- Check every eligibility gate: population served, percentage volunteer, years in operation, prior-award waiting periods, geographic restrictions (utility or facility communities), and whether a locality must apply on your behalf.
- Know the match. Federal AFG is 5/10/15% by population; VFA is usually 50/50; Oklahoma's 80/20 and Virginia's RFSTF are 50%. Several states (Tennessee VFEAT, Mississippi VFA) will pay your federal match for you — stack them.
- Watch the window. Some are open four weeks (AFG), some 72 hours (State Farm/NVFC), some close when a cap is hit (Firehouse Subs at 600 applications). Put every date on one calendar and set reminders two weeks out.
- Read the NOFO, the FAQ, the self-evaluation or scoring sheet, and last year's award list. The scoring sheet tells you exactly what reviewers are instructed to look for.

## Step 4 — Write a narrative a peer reviewer can score

- AFG and most state programs are scored by other firefighters working from a rubric. Structure your narrative to mirror that rubric. For AFG the sections are: (1) Organization and community you serve, (2) Financial need, (3) Project description and budget, (4) Cost-benefit, and (5) Statement of effect on daily operations.
- Financial need is where scores are lowest. Paint the budget: total revenue and its sources, what percentage goes to fixed costs, what the department has had to defer, what local tax or fundraising limits exist that are outside your control, and what you have already applied for. 'We can't afford it' is not a financial-need statement; a budget table with context is.
- Project description: say exactly what you will buy, how many, from whom, and what training it enables. Name the drills, the standards, the frequency and the number of personnel who will use it. If the item serves multiple purposes or multiple departments, say so — shared assets score well.
- Cost-benefit: show the alternative you considered (burn building, academy travel, one-off single-skill props, building your own) and why your choice is the most cost-effective. Include cost per use, lifespan, and reduced travel or overtime.
- Statement of effect: describe measurable outcomes — training hours gained, certifications completed, skills practiced on every drill night rather than once a year, expected reductions in injury exposure, and improved mutual aid interoperability.
- Write in plain language. No acronyms without definition, no jargon a reviewer from another state would not know. Draft in a word processor, have two people proofread, then paste into the portal before the deadline — character limits are strict (AFG uses 4,000 characters per section).

## Step 5 — Submit early, then manage the award

- Submit at least 48 hours before the deadline. Portals slow down and crash in the final hours, and 'the system was down' is not an accepted excuse.

- If awarded, read the award agreement and the federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) obligations that come with federal dollars: period of performance, procurement rules (competitive quotes, no debarred vendors), equipment inventory and tagging, retention of records, and no supplanting of local funds.
- Follow your own procurement policy. Keep three quotes or a sole-source justification; document why the selected product meets the specification.
- Spend within the period of performance and keep every invoice, proof of payment and delivery receipt. Most state grants are reimbursement-based — you pay first.
- File progress and closeout reports on time, and send the funder a photo and a thank-you. Late or missing reports make a department ineligible for the next cycle under many programs.
- If you are not funded, request the reviewer comments (FEMA provides them on request) and apply again. Most repeat winners were declined at least once.

## Best practices from departments that win

- Apply to several programs in the same year with the same core narrative, adapted to each funder's priorities. Stacking a state grant with a private grant is common and allowed as long as you never claim the same dollar twice.
- Ask a department that has won the grant for a copy of its successful application. Most will share.
- Attend the funder's webinar or office hours — several programs (Massachusetts, Tennessee, NVFC) run them, and some require attendance.
- Get a letter of support from your mutual aid partners, county emergency manager or training officer, and from the regional training academy if the prop will be shared.
- Photograph the problem: worn-out gear, the pallet-built prop in the back lot, the drill-night sign-in sheet. One good photo is worth a page of narrative to a private funder.
- Build a one-page 'grant fact sheet' for your department (population, calls, budget, roster, ISO, training hours) and update it every January. Every application starts there.
- Assign one person as grant manager and a second as backup; put the SAM.gov and FEMA GO renewal dates in both calendars.
- Think regionally. A prop shared among three or four departments, with a written agreement, scores better in cost-benefit and opens up regional-facility and joint-application programs (Virginia RFSTF, Ohio Joint Equipment, Kentucky Training Facility, AFG regional projects).

## Common pitfalls that get applications rejected

- Expired SAM.gov registration or FEMA GO access discovered the week of the deadline.
- NFIRS/NERIS reporting gaps in the eligibility period — the most common state-grant disqualifier.
- Applying to the wrong activity or program (a prop under SAFER or FP&S; a structural prop under a wildland-only VFA grant).
- Vendor quote that does not match the requested amount, or that omits tax and freight.
- A 'poor-mouthing' financial-need section with no budget numbers, or a need section that contradicts the department's published budget.
- Asking for more than you need, or bundling unrelated items — reviewers call it overly ambitious and score it down.
- Copying a template narrative; peer reviewers see dozens of them and they read as generic.
- Undefined acronyms, local nicknames for apparatus, and assumptions that the reviewer knows your area.
- Submitting two applications to the same activity (AFG disqualifies both).
- Missing the post-award paperwork: unsigned grant agreements by the deadline (Pennsylvania's May 31 rule, Florida's 90-day rule), late reimbursement requests, or no final report.
- Buying before the award or before the period of performance starts — most funders will not reimburse pre-award costs.

- Assuming last year's dates. Windows moved in 2026 for AFG, Firehouse Subs and Michigan, among others.

## Documentation checklist

Gather these before the window opens. The right-hand column shows where each item is typically required.

| Category | What to have ready | Required by |
|---|---|---|
| **Entity registration** | SAM.gov active registration & UEI; EIN; state vendor/supplier ID where required | Federal programs; most state pass-through; several state-only programs |
| **Portal accounts** | FEMA GO (with AOR), Grants.gov, state grant portals (AmpliFund, Intelligrants, WebGrants, FireConnect, E-Grants, SAGE, OLAS) | Varies by program |
| **Legal status** | Articles of incorporation or municipal charter; IRS determination letter (nonprofits); state charity registration; proof of good standing | Private foundations; state programs |
| **Recognition & compliance** | FDID; state fire marshal recognition/certification; NFIRS/NERIS compliance report; NIMS compliance; mutual aid agreement; ISO rating letter | AFG and nearly all state programs |
| **Governance** | Board or council resolution authorizing the application and accepting the award; signatory authority | Most state programs; locality-sponsored programs |
| **Financial** | Two to three years of budgets; audit or financial review; bank/EFT form; W-9; match funds documentation (cash or in-kind) | Financial-need scoring; reimbursement setup |
| **Project** | Itemized vendor quote(s) with tax and freight; product specifications and standards compliance; site/storage plan; training plan and schedule; roster of personnel to be trained | All equipment grants |
| **Data** | Three-year call volume by type; population and area served; response times; injury/near-miss data; training hours; mutual aid data; apparatus and equipment inventory with ages | Narrative sections |
| **Support** | Letters from mutual aid partners, county EM, training academy, elected officials; photos of current conditions | Private funders; regional applications |
| **Post-award** | Executed grant agreement; procurement records; invoices and proof of payment; equipment inventory tags; progress and final reports; photos | Compliance and future eligibility |

## Writing a training-prop request that scores

- Call it what the funder calls it. AFG says 'props (single-use or permanent) essential for training programs.' Virginia says 'training props.' Texas says 'training aids.' Use the funder's language in the first sentence of your project description.
- Lead with the skills, not the steel. List the NFPA 1001 JPRs and the drills the prop supports (forcible entry, ventilation, search, RIT, ladders, hose advancement, bailout, ropes), and how often each will be practiced versus today.
- Quantify access to training now: miles and hours to the nearest academy or burn building, cost per member to send them, and how many members actually attend each year.
- Show durability and storage: expected service life, maintenance, where it will live. Funders avoid buying things that rot in a parking lot.
- Show multi-department use with a simple shared-use agreement; it strengthens cost-benefit and unlocks regional programs.

- Pair the purchase with a training plan: who instructs, what curriculum, how completions are recorded (your state training records system), and how you will report outcomes back to the funder.
- Include a sole-source or best-value justification if only one product meets your specification (modularity, configurations per unit, transportability). Procurement reviewers look for it.

## A 12-month grant calendar

Typical timing based on 2025–2026 cycles. Dates shift; use this to plan, then confirm each program's current window.

| Month | What usually happens |
|---|---|
| **January** | Update the department fact sheet; NC Volunteer Fire Department Fund opens (due Mar 1); SC V-SAFE notice of intent due Jan 15; Ohio equipment grant and ODNR VFA deadlines; Colorado FFSDPG opens; PA DCNR VFA due early Jan; Firehouse Subs Q2 portal (early Jan) |
| **February** | NY V-FIRE deadline (2026: Feb 25); Utah UFDAG due Feb 27; Massachusetts Safety Equipment Grant window; Illinois DNR VFA due mid-Feb; Alabama Joint Fire Council opens; Montana VFA closes Feb 1; earmark requests to Congress begin |
| **March** | Indiana DNR VFA due Mar 1; Mississippi VFA due early Mar; ND CFPA due Mar 6; Oregon VFC opens; Kentucky VFA opens Mar 1; SC V-SAFE application opens; Alabama Joint Fire Council closes Mar 30; Washington DNR Ops grant |
| **April** | Firehouse Subs Q3 portal (early Apr); SD VFA closes Apr 30; Oregon VFC closes mid-Apr; AFG NOFO usually published; draft AFG narrative now |
| **May** | AFG/SAFER/FP&S window typically opens; State Farm/NVFC 72-hour window (early May); Delaware VFA (May 1–31); Vermont VWFG (mid-May–Jun 1); Leary Foundation LOI period opens May 1; California VFC closes late May; Wisconsin FFP notice |
| **June** | AFG window closes (2026: Jun 22); Indiana LTS Training Grant (Jun 1–30); Idaho RFC due Jun 1; Arkansas Act 833 certification due; Indiana/other SHSP windows |
| **July** | Firehouse Subs Q4 portal (early Jul); Virginia RFSTF and PPE grant applications open Jul 1; Louisiana VFA due Jul 1; Wisconsin FFP due Jul 1; Nebraska VFA; Oklahoma 80/20 applications released |
| **August** | Leary LOI deadline Aug 15; Virginia RFSTF due ~Sep 1 (prepare now); State Farm/NVFC awards announced Aug 18; PA FCEMSG opens in early fall |
| **September** | Oklahoma 80/20 due Sep 1; Virginia RFSTF due; Michigan Treasury deadline (2026); Minnesota DNR VFA opens Sep 1; Maine VFC announced; AFG awards begin rolling out |
| **October** | Firehouse Subs Q1 portal (early Oct); Illinois Small Equipment Grant opens Oct 1; Alaska VFC opens; Iowa DNR VFA due Oct 15; Missouri MFA grant (Oct 1–Nov 30); Washington VFA Phase 2 (Oct 1–Nov 1); Leary invited applications due Oct 1 |
| **November** | Tennessee VFEAT window (early Nov – early Dec); Kansas KVFG due early Nov; Illinois Small Equipment closes Nov 30; Maine VFC due mid-Nov; Missouri MFA closes Nov 30; Minnesota DNR VFA due Dec 1 (prepare) |
| **December** | Alaska VFC closes mid-Dec; Montana VFA opens Dec 1; SC Forestry VFA/NFP due Dec 31; Wyoming VFA due Dec 31; NY V-FIRE RFA released; ND CFPA opens; renew SAM.gov if it expires in Q1 |

# Part 2 — Programs Available in Every State

These programs accept applications from departments nationwide (a few are limited to the communities where a company operates). They are listed roughly in order of how directly they fund training equipment. Apply to the federal programs and at least two private programs every year.

**Two things to know before you read the table**

FEMA AFG is the one program whose rules name training props by name and allow up to $100,000 for them. It is also the most competitive. Everything in Part 1 is written with the AFG narrative in mind.

USFS Volunteer Fire Assistance (called VFA, VFC, RFC or CFPA depending on the state) is the most common grant in rural America, but most states limit it to wildland needs, and federal budget proposals for FY2026 and FY2027 zeroed it out. Treat the state-forestry entries in Part 3 as 'confirm this year's status first.'

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) — Operations & Safety**<br>*Federal* | Awards by population served; cost share 5% (<20K), 10% (20K–1M), 15% (>1M). Training props capped at $100,000 per application<br>When: Annual. FY2025 window was May 19 – June 22, 2026 (five weeks). FY2026 cycle not yet announced; Congress set FY27 fire grant funding at ~$702M split between AFG and SAFER | The primary federal source for training props. The NOFO lists 'props (single-use or permanent) essential for training programs' as eligible under the Training activity. One application per activity; up to three projects per application. Requires active SAM.gov/UEI and a FEMA GO account. Peer-reviewed by firefighters; narrative quality decides.<br>https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants | **Strong fit** |
| 2 | **FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER)**<br>*Federal* | Hiring and recruitment/retention awards<br>When: Same window as AFG | Personnel only — salaries, hiring, and volunteer recruitment & retention. SAFER will not buy a prop, but an R&R award can fund training that uses one. Listed so you apply in the right program.<br>https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer | Not for props |
| 3 | **FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S)**<br>*Federal* | Up to $1.5M federal share<br>When: Same window as AFG | Community risk reduction and firefighter safety research — not operational training equipment. Do not submit a prop request here.<br>https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards | Not for props |
| 4 | **USDA Rural Development — Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant**<br>*Federal* | Grants up to 75% of project cost (based on median household income and population); loans available<br>When: Rolling; apply through your state RD office | Rural areas and towns of 20,000 or fewer. Covers essential community facilities including fire stations, equipment and training resources. Slower than AFG but can fund a full training area or a prop plus site work.<br>https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program | **Strong fit** |

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| 5 | **USDA Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance / Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFA/VFC)**<br>*Federal, administered by each state forestry agency* | Typically 50/50 match; caps range from ~$2,500 to $25,000 depending on state<br>When: Varies by state (see state listings) | For departments serving communities of 10,000 or fewer (some states 15,000). Most states restrict it to wildland PPE, equipment and training; a few allow structural training. IMPORTANT: the FY2026 and FY2027 federal budget proposals zeroed out VFA and State Fire Assistance and proposed moving them to a new U.S. Wildland Fire Service — confirm current-year availability with your state forester.<br>https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants | Confirm |
| 6 | **Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation**<br>*Private / National* | Up to $40,000 per request (typical awards $15K–$35K)<br>When: Quarterly; portal opens at 10 AM ET on a set date and closes after 600 U.S. applications (2026 dates: Jan 8, Apr 7, Jul 9, Oct 9) | Funds lifesaving equipment and prevention-education tools. Vendor quote total must exactly match the request (include tax and freight). Two-year wait after an award before reapplying. Priority within 60 miles of a restaurant but rural departments are considered. Apply the minute the portal opens.<br>https://grants.firehousesubs.com | Likely fit |
| 7 | **Leary Firefighters Foundation — Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program**<br>*Private / National* | Typically $5,000 – $25,000<br>When: Letter of Inquiry May 1 – Aug 15; invited applications due Oct 1; decisions by Nov 15 | Funds training, equipment and technology for paid and volunteer departments. The foundation favors 'proactive problem solvers' and has funded training props directly (e.g., a $10,360 forcible-entry door in 2026). Lead with the training problem you are solving.<br>https://www.learyfirefighters.org/ | Strong fit |
| 8 | **Gary Sinise Foundation — First Responders Outreach Grant**<br>*Private / National* | Varies; documented awards from ~$12,000 to $100,000<br>When: Rolling; one application per calendar year | Designed for low- and under-funded departments; funds essential equipment and training. Has funded a department's 'new training resource' (Beaufort/Port Royal, SC). Short application; strong photos and a clear budget help.<br>https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/first-responders-outreach | Strong fit |
| 9 | **State Farm / NVFC Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program**<br>*Private / National* | $10,000 (150 departments per year; $1.5M total)<br>When: Application window is only about 72 hours — 2026: May 4 (noon ET) – May 7 (noon ET) | Mostly-volunteer departments serving populations under 25,000. Equipment that improves responder safety; an NVFC eligible-equipment list is published. At least one award per state with 10+ eligible applications. First 2,000 applicants get a one-year NVFC membership. Draft answers in advance.<br>https://www.nvfc.org/good-neighbor-firefighter-safety-program/ | Confirm |
| 10 | **Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade**<br>*Private / Geographic* | $1,000 – $10,000 per department (~$200K/yr total)<br>When: Applications typically open in spring; awards in fall | Only for departments within roughly 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific facility (eligibility quiz in the application). Funds safety equipment; all applicants receive an NVFC membership.<br>https://www.gp.com/community/bucket-brigade | Confirm |
| 11 | **Walmart / Sam's Club — Spark Good Local Grants**<br>*Private / Corporate* | $250 – $5,000 per facility<br>When: Quarterly cycles (e.g., Feb–Apr, May–Jul, Aug–Oct, Nov–Dec); each store decides | Municipal and county fire departments and 501(c)(3) departments are eligible; 501(c)(4) volunteer fire companies are not. Register and get Deed-verified before the cycle opens. Small, but several nearby stores can each fund a piece of a project.<br>https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants | Likely fit |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | **Utility, railroad and insurer programs (e.g., Enbridge Safe Community, Norfolk Southern Safety, New Jersey American Water, Black Hills Energy)** *Private / Geographic* | Typically $1,000 – $10,000 When: Varies; usually annual | Most utilities and Class I railroads with assets in your district run first-responder grant programs. Ask your local utility's community relations office; include their facility in your risk narrative. https://www.nvfc.org/opportunities/ | **Confirm** |
| 13 | **Community foundations and local corporate giving** *Private / Local* | Varies widely When: Rolling or annual | County and regional community foundations frequently fund volunteer fire equipment and have funded training centers. Search your county's community foundation and ask about donor-advised funds with a public-safety interest. https://cof.org/community-foundation-locator | **Confirm** |
| 14 | **Congressionally Directed Spending / Community Project Funding (earmarks)** *Federal* | Project-specific; typically $100K+ When: Requests to your U.S. House and Senate offices each spring (Feb–April) | Fire stations, apparatus and training facilities are routinely funded. Best for a regional training center that includes props. Requires a local government or nonprofit sponsor and a detailed budget. https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm | **Likely fit** |

# Part 3 — State-Specific Programs by State

Each state's table lists programs that are unique to that state: state fire marshal and forestry grants, formula funds, state-association programs and notable regional private funders. The national programs in Part 2 apply everywhere and are not repeated here. Homeland Security (SHSP) sub-grants are listed where they are a realistic route for local departments; they always run through your county or regional emergency management office.

Reading the 'Prop fit' column: Strong fit — the program's rules or recent awards expressly cover training equipment or training facilities. Likely fit — general equipment or capital program where a prop should qualify. Confirm — eligibility depends on the agency's current eligible-cost list; ask before applying. Not for props — restricted to PPE, wildland gear, water supply or personnel, but listed because it can free local dollars.

## Alabama

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Alabama Forestry Commission — Rural & Community Fire Protection Grant / Annual VFD Distribution**<br>*State* | Formula share (historically ~$1,000–$2,000 per certified VFD); competitive RCFP grants per Act 2023-HB455<br>When: Annual; contact AFC county office | Legislature appropriates funds that AFC distributes to every AFC-certified volunteer department. HB455 (2023) added a competitive Rural & Community Fire Protection Development grant program with stated goals including training and equipment. Certification under Ala. Code §9-3-17 is required.<br>https://www.forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/VFDInformation.aspx | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Alabama Joint Fire Council — Equipment & Operations Grant**<br>*State / Association* | Up to $4,000; no match; reimbursement<br>When: Feb 18 – Mar 30 (2026 cycle) | Open to AFC-recognized VFDs and listed rescue squads. 2026 priorities leaned toward EMS equipment and operations; confirm whether training equipment is a current priority before applying.<br>https://www.alabamafirecollege.org/alabama-joint-fire-council-ems-equipment-grant/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **USFS Volunteer Fire Assistance — via Alabama Forestry Commission**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual; watch AFC notices | Wildland-focused. See the VFA caveat in the national section.<br>https://www.forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/VFDInformation.aspx | Confirm |

## Alaska

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $10,000 per department; 10% non-federal match (in-kind allowed)<br>When: Oct – mid-Dec each year (2027 cycle open Oct–Dec 2026) | Serve a population of 15,000 or less. Covers training (wildland AND structural), supplies, equipment and prevention. All 33 applicants were funded in 2026 ($297,910 total). Apply through the OLAS portal; have your FDID and EFT setup ready.<br>https://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/vfc | Strong fit |
| 2 | **Alaska DHS&EM — State Homeland Security Program sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via borough/city emergency management | Training and equipment are eligible costs when tied to the state's preparedness priorities. Work through your local emergency manager.<br>https://ready.alaska.gov/Grants | Confirm |

## Arizona

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| 1 | **Arizona DFFM — Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant (formerly VFA)**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $10,000; 1:1 match<br>When: Annual; watch DFFM grants page | Departments serving ≤10,000 population with ≥80% volunteer staffing. Funds training, supplies and non-capital equipment; priority is wildland readiness.<br>https://dffm.az.gov/sections/grants | Confirm |
| 2 | **Arizona DFFM — Fire District Wildfire Readiness & Response Grants (SB1285, FY2026)**<br>*State* | $12.5M appropriated statewide for FY2026; award size varies<br>When: Announced by DFFM; FY2026 cycle | State general-fund appropriation to DFFM for grants to fire districts. Prior DFFM state rounds funded engines, tools and training. Confirm whether the Legislature renews it for FY2027.<br>https://dffm.az.gov/newsroom | Confirm |
| 3 | **Arizona DEMA — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county emergency management | Training equipment is an eligible cost category when aligned to state priorities.<br>https://dema.az.gov/emergency-management/grants | Confirm |

## Arkansas

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Arkansas Act 833 Fire Protection Services Funds**<br>*State (formula)* | County-based formula; varies by county and department<br>When: Annual certification due ~May 30 – June 30 | Insurance-premium turnback distributed through counties to Act 833-certified departments for training, firefighting equipment and station construction. Requires ≥6 trained firefighters and 16 hours/yr certifiable training. Subject to audit.<br>https://dps.arkansas.gov/emergency-management/adem/state-fire-marshals-office/fire-services/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board / ADEM — Fire Protection Services Grant**<br>*State* | Varies; vendor quote required<br>When: Annual; check ADEM Fire Services | For rural and municipal volunteer departments serving populations under 20,000; requested items must be directly related to firefighting. Application asks about Act 833 receipt and other funding sources.<br>https://dps.arkansas.gov/emergency-management/adem/state-fire-marshals-office/fire-services/fire-services-grant/ | Likely fit |
| 3 | **Arkansas Economic Development Commission — Rural Community Grant Program**<br>*State* | Up to $15,000 (50% match)<br>When: Annual cycle; FY2026 awards announced July 2026 | Applied for by the county/city on behalf of the department. Routinely funds fire protection equipment for rural communities.<br>https://www.arkansasedc.com/rural-services | Likely fit |

## California

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **CAL FIRE — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | $500 – $20,000; 50/50 match; reimbursement<br>When: Spring application (2026: closed May 31); agreements the following January | For local and rural departments serving volunteer firefighters; funds minor firefighting, training, communications and safety equipment. Apply through the California Grants Portal / eCivis.<br>https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants | Confirm |
| 2 | **California Fire Foundation — Fire Prevention & Preparedness Grants (regional)**<br>*Private / State foundation* | Up to $25,000<br>When: Varies by region; check foundation site | Regional grant rounds (Southern, Central & Coastal CA) for fire departments and community groups; priorities are prevention and preparedness, so frame a prop request around readiness and firefighter safety.<br>https://www.cafirefoundation.org/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Cal OES — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county OES | Equipment and training eligible when tied to approved investment justifications.<br>https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/grants-management/ | Confirm |

## Colorado

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Colorado DFPC — Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant (FFSDPG)**<br>*State* | Up to $20,000 (single project); reimbursement<br>When: Typically opens early January, closes mid-February | Funds equipment and training designed to increase firefighter safety and prevent occupational disease. A prop that supports NFPA 1001/1407 skills practice can be argued as a safety-training investment; NFIRS compliance required.<br>https://dfpc.colorado.gov/dfpcgrants | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Colorado DFPC — Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual; see DFPC grants page | Rural and volunteer departments; wildland priority.<br>https://dfpc.colorado.gov/sections/grants/grant-awards | Confirm |

## Connecticut

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **CT DEEP Division of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Typically up to ~$2,500; 50% match<br>When: Annual; notice usually late winter | Departments serving under 10,000 population. Eligible items include SCBA, protective clothing, 'training and necessary equipment,' communications and prevention materials. 38 departments funded in the most recent round (~$90K statewide).<br>https://portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/forest-fire/community-fire-control-grants | Confirm |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **CT DEMHS — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via regional DEMHS coordinator | Training and equipment eligible when tied to regional priorities.<br>https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Grants/Grants-Programs | Confirm |

## Delaware

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Delaware Grant-in-Aid (GIA) — Volunteer Fire Companies**<br>*State (formula)* | Statewide ~$13.2M to VFCs (FY2026 GIA bill); per-company share set by formula<br>When: Annual state budget cycle | Core state operating support for Delaware's volunteer companies; audits are required to keep funding. Discuss equipment and training purchases with your company's treasurer and the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association.<br>https://legis.delaware.gov/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **Delaware Volunteer Fire Service Revolving Loan Fund (DCVFS)**<br>*State loan* | Low-interest loans; capitalized at $3M<br>When: Rolling; via Delaware Council on Volunteer Fire Service | Loans for apparatus, equipment and facilities; GIA funds can be pledged as collateral. Useful to bridge a prop purchase while a grant reimbursement is pending.<br>https://finance.delaware.gov/ | Strong fit |
| 3 | **Delaware Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance Equipment Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to ~$4,500; dollar-for-dollar match<br>When: May 1 – May 31 annually | Wildland suppression equipment only; priority to companies without a DFS grant in 3 years and with S-130/S-190 attendance.<br>https://agriculture.delaware.gov/forest-service/ | Not for props |

## Florida

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Florida Division of State Fire Marshal — Firefighter Assistance Grant Program (FFAGP)**<br>*State* | Competitive; $1M+ pool; no match; 2026 awards ranged ~$28K–$111K<br>When: Annual NOFO (FY2026-27 cycle); check SFM grants page | Volunteer and combination departments organized ≥5 years with an FDID. By rule, funding is limited to training, PPE, SCBA and AFG cost-share. A prop would need to be justified as a training expense under F.A.C. 69A-37.502 — ask SFM before applying.<br>https://myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/bfst/sfm-grants | Confirm |
| 2 | **Florida Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual; via local FFS field unit | Wildland readiness for rural departments.<br>https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service | Not for props |
| 3 | **Florida Legislature — Member Projects / Appropriations**<br>*State* | Project-specific (2025-26 budget funded stations, apparatus and training facilities)<br>When: Session begins January; requests through your legislators in fall | Florida routinely funds fire department projects as line items. A county or regional training-facility request is a realistic ask with legislative sponsorship.<br>https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/ | Strong fit |

## Georgia

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Georgia Forestry Commission — Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) & NFP-VFA Grants**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 reimbursement; awards to ~$15,000 in recent rounds<br>When: Annual; via GFC Rural Fire Defense coordinator | For rural departments; equipment used for wildfire response and firefighter training. GFC's Rural Fire Defense program also supplies surplus equipment.<br>https://gatrees.org/ | Confirm |
| 2 | **GEMA/HS — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via GEMA regional coordinator | Equipment and training eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://gema.georgia.gov/services/grants | Confirm |
| 3 | **Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation / Georgia Arson Control — department assistance**<br>*Private / State association* | Varies<br>When: Rolling; check each organization | Smaller Georgia-specific sources departments cite in county grant applications.<br>https://gfbf.org/ | Confirm |

## Hawaii

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **HI-EMA — Homeland Security Grant Program sub-grants (county fire departments)**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies (Kauai FD used $750K HSGP for a training center)<br>When: Annual; via county emergency management | Hawaii's four county departments have funded training facilities and equipment through HSGP. Frame the request around regional capability.<br>https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/ | Likely fit |
| 2 | **DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife — USFS Volunteer Fire Assistance (Wildland Grant)**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Matching; county departments have received $50K wildland training/equipment grants<br>When: Annual | Wildland fire training and equipment.<br>https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/forestry/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Congressionally Directed Spending (Hawaii delegation)**<br>*Federal earmark* | Project-specific ($240K–$1.1M requests for HFD in FY2026-27)<br>When: Requests to Senate offices each spring | Hawaii's senators regularly request CDS for county fire department equipment.<br>https://www.schatz.senate.gov/ | Confirm |

## Idaho

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Idaho Department of Lands — Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Application due June 1 annually (via local IDL/TPA office) | Rural fire service organizations serving ≤10,000; priority on wildland PPE, equipment, communications and training.<br>https://www.idl.idaho.gov/about-forestry/forestry-fire-grants/rural-fire-capacity-grants/ | Confirm |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **Idaho Office of Emergency Management — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county emergency management | Training aids and equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://ioem.idaho.gov/grants/ | Confirm |

## Illinois

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Illinois OSFM — Small Equipment Grant Program**<br>*State* | Up to $26,000; no match; $6M pool (FY2027)<br>When: FY2027 cycle open Oct 1 – Nov 30, 2026 (typically fall each year) | Most Illinois fire departments/districts eligible. Two years of NFIRS/NERIS compliance, SAM.gov and state GATA pre-qualification required. Scored 50/50 on equipment need and financial need. 260 departments funded in 2026.<br>https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/firedepartment/grants-and-loans.html | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Illinois DNR — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFA) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% reimbursement up to $10,000<br>When: Opens ~December, due mid-February | 73 departments shared $495K in 2026. Wildland priority but training is eligible.<br>https://dnr.illinois.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Illinois OSFM — Fire Truck & Ambulance Revolving Loans; Station Construction Grant**<br>*State* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Not for props directly, but the station/construction grant can fund training-area improvements.<br>https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/firedepartment/grants-and-loans.html | Not for props |

## Indiana

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **IDHS / Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy — Local Training Support (LTS) Grant**<br>*State* | Up to $10,000 (competitive)<br>When: June 1 – June 30 annually; performance Sept 1 – Aug 31 | Built specifically to strengthen local fire training capacity — the most direct Indiana fit for a training prop. Submit through IDHS Intelligrants.<br>https://www.in.gov/dhs/grants-management/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **Indiana DNR Division of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $5,000; 50% match<br>When: Due ~March 1 annually | ~100 departments funded each year; scored on population density, protected wildlands and wildfire reporting.<br>https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **IDHS — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: June–July application window | Equipment and training through county EMA.<br>https://www.in.gov/dhs/grants-management/ | Confirm |

## Iowa

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Iowa DNR Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% reimbursement, max $4,500<br>When: Due Oct 15 annually | Departments serving ≤10,000. Wildland suppression equipment focus; submit Iowa Wildland Fire Reports to earn priority points.<br>https://www.iowadnr.gov/fire | Not for props |
| 2 | **Iowa HSEMD — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county EMA | Training and equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Regional foundations (e.g., Iowa West Foundation)**<br>*Private* | Varies (Iowa West funded a $500K rural training center in 2026)<br>When: LOIs typically Sept 1 / rolling | Community foundations in Iowa have funded firefighter training infrastructure; a regional, multi-department training ask is the strongest framing.<br>https://iowawestfoundation.org/ | Likely fit |

## Kansas

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Kansas Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance Cost-Share**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Application typically opens in fall | Need-based; priority to wildland equipment, safety items and communications.<br>https://www.kansasforests.org/fire_management/costshareassistance.html | Confirm |
| 2 | **Kansas State Fire Marshal — Kansas Volunteer Firefighter Grant (KVFG)**<br>*State* | No-match; equipment supplied from state contracts (~$400K/yr)<br>When: Applications due early November | PPE (bunker/wildland gear) and washer-extractors only — not a fit for training props, but worth knowing so your PPE requests don't compete with a prop request elsewhere.<br>https://firemarshal.ks.gov/grant | Not for props |
| 3 | **Kansas Division of Emergency Management — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county EM | Training and equipment eligible when tied to regional priorities.<br>https://www.kansastag.gov/ | Confirm |

## Kentucky

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Kentucky Fire Commission — State Aid**<br>*State (formula)* | ~$12,000+ per qualifying VFD (FY2024: $7.9M to 654 departments); approved equipment list<br>When: Annual; proof-of-purchase due July 31; training hours due June 30 | Volunteer departments meeting training standards receive annual State Aid for items on the Commission's approved equipment list. Ask the Commission whether training props are on the list or can be added.<br>https://kyfirecommission.kctcs.edu/fire_commission_programs/state-aid.aspx | Confirm |
| 2 | **Kentucky Fire Commission — Training Facility Grants & Low-Interest Loans**<br>*State* | Loans up to $125,000; training facility grants ($15M awarded since 1984)<br>When: Applications to the Commission; notices sent to departments | Per KRS 95A.262, departments may apply for firefighters' training center funding and low-interest loans for major equipment. A regional prop/training area qualifies as a training-facility project.<br>https://kyfirecommission.kctcs.edu/ | Strong fit |
| 3 | **Kentucky Division of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Opens March 1 annually | Rural departments; one-page narrative required.<br>https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/ | Confirm |

## Louisiana

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **LDAF — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (standard track)**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 match; no single item over $10,000<br>When: Due July 1 annually; notifications Sept 1 | Rural departments serving ≤10,000. Standard track covers PPE, hose, nozzles, communications and training; a separate Wildland track covers wildland-specific items.<br>https://ldaf.la.gov/land/fire/volunteer-fire-assistance-grants | Confirm |
| 2 | **Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal — Fire Department Assistance**<br>*State* | Varies<br>When: Check LASFM | LASFM administers training and assistance programs; confirm current equipment grant availability.<br>https://lasfm.org/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **GOHSEP — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via parish OHSEP | Equipment and training eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://gohsep.la.gov/ | Confirm |

## Maine

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Maine Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Program**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share reimbursement (~$190K statewide/yr)<br>When: Announced September; due mid-November | Departments serving ≤10,000; selected jointly with the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association Forestry Committee. Wildland equipment focus.<br>https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_protection/ | Not for props |
| 2 | **Maine Emergency Management Agency — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county EMA | Training and equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants | Confirm |

## Maryland

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue & Ambulance Fund ('508 Funds')**<br>*State (formula via counties)* | County allocations in the millions; distributed to volunteer companies by county formula<br>When: Annual state fiscal year | Maryland's core state aid for equipment and capital purchases, administered by MDEM through each county. Equipment and training-facility items are eligible; coordinate with your county fire/EMS office and keep MFIRS/NERIS current.<br>https://mdem.maryland.gov/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **MSFA — Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF)**<br>*State / Association* | Grants and low-interest loans<br>When: Rolling; via Maryland State Firemen's Association | For member volunteer companies needing help with equipment and facilities.<br>https://www.msfa.org/ | Likely fit |
| 3 | **Maryland DNR Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Max $3,500; 50% match<br>When: Annual (recent cycle: 55 companies in 18 counties) | Wildland fire protection equipment for rural companies.<br>https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/newVFA.aspx | Not for props |

## Massachusetts

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Massachusetts DFS — Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant**<br>*State* | ~$5M statewide; awards typically $5K–$25K; reimbursement<br>When: Applications usually late January – February | Scored line-item against an approved list of ~100 equipment types (PPE, hose, TIC, extrication, etc.). Training props are not an established category — confirm with DFS or request a category addition. MFIRS compliance and the applicant webinar are mandatory.<br>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/grants-for-fire-departments | Confirm |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **Massachusetts DCR — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Competitive; cost-share<br>When: Annual | Towns under 10,000 population; forest-fire-related purposes.<br>https://www.mass.gov/guides/volunteer-fire-capacity-vfc-program | Not for props |

## Michigan

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Michigan Treasury — Fire Equipment Grant Program (PA 22 of 2025)**<br>*State* | Up to $50,000 per local unit; $8M one-time<br>When: 2026 cycle closed Sept 30, 2026; expenditures allowed through Sept 30, 2030 | One-time appropriation; at least $4M reserved for predominantly on-call/part-time/volunteer departments. Watch the FY2027 state budget for renewal — Michigan funded a similar program in 2023 and again in 2026.<br>https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/local/share/fire-equipment-grant | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Michigan DNR — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual | Rural departments; wildland priority.<br>https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/forests/fire | Confirm |
| 3 | **MSP/EMHSD — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via regional homeland security board | Training and equipment eligible when tied to regional priorities.<br>https://www.michigan.gov/msp/divisions/emhsd | Confirm |

## Minnesota

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training & Education (MBFTE) — Training Reimbursement**<br>*State* | Per-department allocation (FY2025 average ~$9,300); no formal application<br>When: State fiscal year; submit through MBFTE portal | Every department that submits receives a reimbursement for approved training. Instructor-led courses delivered on a prop are reimbursable; confirm with MBFTE how equipment used in approved training can be covered. MBFTE also offers a $5,000 conference/seminar host grant.<br>https://mbfte.mn.gov/ | Confirm |
| 2 | **Minnesota DNR — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | $1,000 – $5,000; 50/50 match<br>When: Sept 1 – Dec 1 annually | Communities under 10,000; 120–140 awards per year.<br>https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/ruralfire/volunteer.html | Confirm |
| 3 | **Minnesota DPS/SFMD — Fire Safety Account programs**<br>*State* | Varies (e.g., gear washer/dryer grants)<br>When: Announced by SFMD | Fire Safety Account funds several targeted grant programs; watch for training-related rounds.<br>https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/ | Confirm |

## Mississippi

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Mississippi Forestry Commission — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 match — MFC covers the match for the department<br>When: 2026 cycle closed March 4; annual | Rural volunteer departments; wildland firefighting equipment and PPE.<br>https://www.mfc.ms.gov/ | Not for props |
| 2 | **Mississippi Office of Homeland Security — HSGP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: FY26 applications were due April 3 | Fire departments are eligible sub-recipients for equipment, training and exercises.<br>https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Mississippi Insurance Rebate / Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance**<br>*State (formula)* | County-level formula funds for fire protection<br>When: Annual | Insurance-rebate funds flow to counties/municipalities for fire protection costs; check with your county fire coordinator about equipment use.<br>https://www.mid.ms.gov/fire-marshal/ | Confirm |

## Missouri

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Missouri DPS/Division of Fire Safety — Missouri Volunteer Fire Department Grant**<br>*State* | Up to $15,000; 5% local cash match<br>When: First cycle Oct 2025 – May 2026 ($1.455M to 108 departments); watch for renewal | For volunteer departments with annual operating budgets of $50,000 or less; equipment purchases via WebGrants. Hoses, nozzles, saws and SCBA led the first round — training equipment is a reasonable request if renewed.<br>https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/dpsgrants/vfdg.php | Likely fit |
| 2 | **MFA Incorporated Charitable Foundation — MFA Volunteer Fire Grant (via MU FRTI)**<br>*Private* | $500 – $2,000<br>When: Oct 1 – Nov 30 annually; awards after Feb 1 | Rural departments registered with the Division of Fire Safety; 51 departments funded in 2026. Explicitly for training and equipment.<br>https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/mu-fire-and-rescue-training-institute/about-us/mfa-volunteer-fire-grant | Strong fit |
| 3 | **Missouri Department of Conservation — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual | Wildland equipment and training for rural departments.<br>https://mdc.mo.gov/ | Confirm |

## Montana

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Montana DNRC — Volunteer Fire Assistance (BIL-VFA) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 cost share<br>When: Dec 1 – Feb 1 annually | Departments ≥80% volunteer; categories are wildland PPE, water handling, P25 radios, and department organization/planning.<br>https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Fire | Not for props |

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| 2 | **Montana DNRC — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share<br>When: Annual (FY27 cycle on grants.dnrc.mt.gov) | Training, equipping and organizing rural volunteer departments.<br>https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **Montana DES — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual; via county DES | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://des.mt.gov/Grants | Confirm |

## Nebraska

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Nebraska Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% reimbursement, cap $5,000<br>When: Annual (2025 deadline was extended to July 31) | Departments serving ≤10,000; equipment, prevention materials and training for wildland fire. Online fire reporting must be current.<br>https://nfs.unl.edu/financial-assistance-and-grants/ | Confirm |
| 2 | **Nebraska State Fire Marshal — First Responders Wellness/Resiliency Grant**<br>*State* | $2.25M program<br>When: Announced 2026 | Wellness-focused; not for props, but a sign the SFM is administering new grant lines — watch its site.<br>https://sfm.nebraska.gov/ | Not for props |
| 3 | **Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association & utility programs (e.g., Black Hills Energy)**<br>*Private / Association* | Varies<br>When: Varies (Black Hills Energy VFD grants due ~April 10) | Utility-territory grants fund firefighting equipment for volunteer departments.<br>https://www.nsvfa.org/ | Confirm |

## Nevada

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
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| 1 | **Nevada Division of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance / Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Dollar-for-dollar match (cash, time or equipment); $200K–$330K statewide; county-level awards up to ~$97K<br>When: Annual; apply online at forestry.nv.gov/grants | Rural departments serving ≤10,000; counties and fire protection districts may apply on behalf of their VFDs. Equipment and training both eligible.<br>https://forestry.nv.gov/wildland-fire-management/vfd-assistance | Confirm |
| 2 | **Nevada DEM — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training and exercise equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://dem.nv.gov/about/grants/ | Confirm |

## New Hampshire

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NH Division of Forests & Lands — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; ~40–46 departments funded per year<br>When: Annual | Communities under 10,000; approved wildfire suppression equipment. The related Town Tool Program lets towns order equipment through the Division.<br>https://www.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov/forest-protection/community-wildfire-assistance | Not for props |
| 2 | **NH HSEM — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities. Note: NH Fire Standards & Training received AFG funding explicitly for 'training props' — a useful precedent for your AFG narrative.<br>https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem/ | Confirm |

## New Jersey

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NJ Forest Fire Service — Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% reimbursement; no single-unit purchase of $5,000 or more<br>When: Annual via NJDEP SAGE portal | Rural volunteer companies; wildland suppression equipment and training.<br>https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/fire/program/vfa.html | Not for props |
| 2 | **New Jersey American Water — Volunteer Fire & EMS Grant Program**<br>*Private / Utility* | ~$50K statewide; 21 departments in 2026<br>When: Annual spring cycle | Departments in NJAW service areas; firefighter safety and lifesaving equipment.<br>https://www.amwater.com/njaw/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **NJ Division of Fire Safety / NJOHSP — state and SHSP funding**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training and equipment eligible when tied to county priorities.<br>https://www.nj.gov/dca/dfs/ | Confirm |

## New Mexico

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NM EMNRD Forestry Division — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $25,000 per department per year; match required<br>When: Annual (FY26 packet released Sept 2025) | Communities under 10,000; equipment and training grants, including a Wildland Coordinator track. One of the larger VFA caps in the country.<br>https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/volunteer-fire-assistance-vfa-grant/ | Confirm |
| 2 | **NM Fire Protection Fund (State Fire Marshal / PRC)**<br>*State (formula)* | Annual distributions based on ISO rating<br>When: Annual | Insurance-premium distributions to municipal and county fire districts for operations and equipment.<br>https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/ | Confirm |

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | **NM DHSEM — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/ | Confirm |

## New York

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NYS DHSES — Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program**<br>*State* | $25M statewide (2025-26 round); capital/equipment awards<br>When: RFA released Dec 2025, due Feb 25, 2026; watch for the next round | Capital funding for volunteer departments with two funding options (equipment/infrastructure). Strong fit for durable training equipment; apply through DHSES E-Grants.<br>https://www.dhses.ny.gov/grants | Likely fit |
| 2 | **NYS DEC — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 match; typically up to ~$2,500<br>When: Annual | Rural departments; wildland suppression equipment and training materials.<br>https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/wildfires/volunteer-fire-assistance-grant | Not for props |
| 3 | **NYS DHSES — SHSP sub-grants & FIRE Act-style state programs**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Equipment and training through county emergency management.<br>https://www.dhses.ny.gov/grants | Confirm |

## North Carolina

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NC OSFM — Volunteer Fire Department Fund ('Fire Grant')**<br>*State* | Dollar-for-dollar match up to $40,000 (100% for lowest-resourced departments); $12M+ awarded FY2026<br>When: Opens first business day of January; due March 1; awards announced mid-May | NCDOI-rated volunteer departments (up to 6 paid positions). Funds equipment and capital expenditures; new equipment only. Equipment must be received by Sept 30.<br>https://www.ncosfm.gov/fire-rescue/fire-rescue-grants-and-relief-funds/volunteer-fire-department-fund | Likely fit |
| 2 | **NC Forest Service — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: Annual | Rural departments; wildland equipment and training.<br>https://www.ncforestservice.gov/ | Confirm |

## North Dakota

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **North Dakota Forest Service — Cooperative Fire Protection Assistance (CFPA) Grants**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Awards up to $25,000; cost-share (non-vehicle and vehicle tracks)<br>When: Opens December; due March 6 (2026) | Departments serving ≤10,000 with a Cooperative Fire Agreement, Certificate of Existence and NIMS compliance. 'Communications Equipment & Training Items' is a scored category.<br>https://www.ndsu.edu/ndfs/fire | Confirm |
| 2 | **North Dakota Firefighter's Association — state-funded grant (SB 2218)**<br>*State / Association* | $500,000 appropriated for 2025-27 biennium<br>When: Via NDFA | NDFA administers training-focused state funding; ask NDFA how training equipment can be supported.<br>https://www.ndfa.net/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **ND DES — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://www.des.nd.gov/grants/ | Confirm |

## Ohio

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Ohio SFM — Fire Department Equipment Grant (Individual & Joint)**<br>*State* | Individual awards commonly up to $15,000; joint applications larger; ~$2M+ annually<br>When: 2027 cycle open now (fall 2026); historically due late January | Qualifying departments and local governments; firefighting/rescue equipment. NFIRS/NERIS and Volunteer Firefighter Dependents Fund compliance required. A joint (multi-department) application for a shared prop is a natural fit.<br>https://firegrants.com.ohio.gov/ | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Ohio SFM — Fire Department Training Reimbursement Grant**<br>*State* | Reimburses eligible classes completed in the calendar year (~$500K pool)<br>When: Annual; apply after classes are completed | Covers tuition for certified courses — pair with a prop purchase to fund the instruction delivered on it.<br>https://firegrants.com.ohio.gov/ | Not for props |
| 3 | **Ohio SFM — Small County Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD) Grant; ODNR VFA**<br>*State / Federal* | SCVFD: equipment, gear and fire-protection costs for departments in designated small counties; VFA cost-share<br>When: SCVFD due Jan 10 (2026); VFA due Jan 15 | SCVFD targets volunteer departments in counties on the SFM's small-county list. ODNR VFA requires UEI/SAM and OhioPays registration.<br>https://com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/state-fire-marshal/grants | Likely fit |

## Oklahoma

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Oklahoma Forestry Services — Rural Fire Defense 80/20 Reimbursement Grant**<br>*State* | Up to $30,000 (80% state / 20% local); $2M/yr<br>When: Applications available July; due Sept 1; awards ~Oct 10 | Rural departments serving under 10,000; equipment purchases or station construction. Submitted through your regional Rural Fire Coordinator.<br>https://ag.ok.gov/community-fire-assistance/ | Likely fit |
| 2 | **Oklahoma Forestry Services — Rural Fire Operational Grant**<br>*State (formula)* | ~$8.4M/yr to ~875 certified rural departments<br>When: Annual certification via Rural Fire Coordinator | Operational funding for certified rural departments; can support training and equipment needs.<br>https://ag.ok.gov/community-fire-assistance/ | Likely fit |
| 3 | **Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://oklahoma.gov/homeland-security.html | Confirm |

## Oregon

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Oregon Department of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share; varies<br>When: March 6 – April 17 (2026) | Rural fire agencies; SAM.gov registration required. Structure and wildland call data requested on the application.<br>https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/fireprevention.aspx | Confirm |
| 2 | **Oregon State Fire Marshal — Response Ready Oregon / agency grants**<br>*State* | Varies by program<br>When: Announced by OSFM | OSFM has run engine, equipment and capacity grants under Response Ready Oregon; watch for equipment/training rounds.<br>https://www.oregon.gov/osfm/ | Confirm |

## Pennsylvania

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner — Fire Company & EMS Grant Program (FCEMSG)**<br>*State* | $37M+ statewide; typical awards ~$14K–$64K (formula with scoring)<br>When: Applications typically open September; agreements signed by May 31 | Eligible fire companies choose Facilities or Equipment projects; equipment purchase/repair and training are allowable. Nearly every PA company applies — do not skip it.<br>https://www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/default.aspx | Strong fit |

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $15,000; 50% match<br>When: Due ~January 7 (2027 cycle) | Rural volunteer companies; wildfire equipment, protective gear, training and prevention.<br>https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Grants/Pages/default.aspx | Confirm |
| 3 | **PA OSFC — Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP)**<br>*State loan* | Low-interest loans for apparatus, equipment and facilities<br>When: Rolling | Useful bridge financing for a prop or training area.<br>https://www.osfc.pa.gov/GrantsandLoans/Pages/default.aspx | Strong fit |

## Rhode Island

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **RI DEM Division of Forest Environment — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | ~$3,500; cost-share<br>When: Annual (next cycle forecast mid-2027) | Rural volunteer departments; wildland equipment and training.<br>https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/forestry | Not for props |
| 2 | **RIEMA — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://riema.ri.gov/preparedness/grants | Confirm |

## South Carolina

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **SC State Fire — Volunteer Strategic Assistance & Fire Equipment (V-SAFE) Grant**<br>*State* | Awards vary (recent example $14,700); $2M+ annual program<br>When: Notice of Intent due Jan 15; application opens late February for 45 days; checks mailed late April | Chartered volunteer and combination departments ≥50% volunteer. Statute allows funds for equipment, vehicles and training. One grant per department per year.<br>https://statefire.llr.sc.gov/osfm/vsafe.aspx | Likely fit |
| 2 | **SC Forestry Commission — Volunteer Fire Assistance / National Fire Plan Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share<br>When: Due December 31 annually | Departments serving ≤10,000; WUI equipment and training (the 'forestry grant').<br>https://www.scfc.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **SC State Firefighters' Association — member programs**<br>*Association* | Varies<br>When: Rolling | Grant notices (e.g., State Farm/NVFC) and member assistance.<br>https://scfirefighters.org/ | Confirm |

## South Dakota

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **SD Wildland Fire (DANR) — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% of project cost up to $4,000<br>When: Opens ~March 12; closes April 30 | Can be used for structural or wildland projects. P25 radios and wildland PPE are emphasized.<br>https://wildlandfire.sd.gov/ | Confirm |
| 2 | **SD DPS State Fire Marshal — Volunteer Firefighter PPE Grant (HB 1127 / 2026 appropriation)**<br>*State* | $5M statewide; 251 departments funded in the first round<br>When: Announced by SFM with SD Firefighters Association | PPE and SCBA only — not for props, but it frees local dollars for training equipment.<br>https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/state-fire-marshal | Not for props |
| 3 | **SD OEM — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/emergency-management | Confirm |

## Tennessee

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **TN SFMO — Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training (VFEAT) Grant**<br>*State* | $20M statewide (2026: 412 departments funded); direct equipment awards or federal cost-share reimbursement<br>When: Application window early November – early December annually (2025: Nov 3 – Dec 4) | Departments must hold an SFMO recognition certificate and be less than 51% career. Funds firefighting equipment (other than trucks) and training, or reimburses the AFG local cost share. Register for an Edison supplier ID well ahead.<br>https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/departments/grant-opportunities.html | Strong fit |
| 2 | **TN Department of Agriculture Forestry Division — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share<br>When: Annual | Departments serving ≤10,000; wildland equipment and training.<br>https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html | Confirm |
| 3 | **TN SFMO — Rescue Squad Grant Program**<br>*State* | $5M/yr<br>When: Opens January | For recognized rescue squads (rescue equipment).<br>https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/departments/grant-opportunities.html | Not for props |

## Texas

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Texas A&M Forest Service — Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604)**<br>*State* | $22M annual base through FY2027 plus $192M one-time (2026); cost-share by category<br>When: Multiple funding rounds per year; apply any time through FireConnect | The largest state program in the country. Categories include vehicles, equipment, PPE, dry hydrants, training tuition and 'training aids.' Over $225M awarded in 2026. Register your department in FireConnect and keep incident reporting current.<br>https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/FireDepartmentPrograms/ | **Strong fit** |
| 2 | **Texas A&M Forest Service — TIFMAS / career-department assistance**<br>*State* | Varies<br>When: Via FireConnect | Apparatus and training-tuition reimbursement for combination/career departments participating in TIFMAS.<br>https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/FireDepartmentPrograms/ | **Confirm** |
| 3 | **Texas Department of Insurance / SFFMA — SAFER & regional programs**<br>*State / Association* | Varies<br>When: Varies | SFFMA administers a statewide SAFER recruitment grant; regional councils of government also pass through SHSP funds.<br>https://www.sffma.org/ | **Confirm** |

## Utah

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Utah FFSL — Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant (UFDAG)**<br>*Federal + State* | 100% match required; ~$550K awarded to 57 departments in a recent year<br>When: Application posted early February; due Feb 27 (2026); committee meets early March | Combines USFS VFA and state fire cost-recovery funds into one program covering training, equipment and prevention. NFIRS/NERIS compliance verified.<br>https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/fire-grants/ | **Confirm** |
| 2 | **Utah Division of Emergency Management — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training and exercise equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://dem.utah.gov/ | **Confirm** |

## Vermont

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Vermont FPR — Vermont Wildland Fire Gear (VWFG) Grant / VFA 50/50 Purchasing Program**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | $40K statewide (2026); 50% purchasing program<br>When: May 15 – June 1 (2026) | Departments ≥80% volunteer serving ≤10,000. Wildland gear and equipment only.<br>https://fpr.vermont.gov/wildland-fire-equipment | **Not for props** |

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Grant Program (VACD / FPR / DFS)**<br>*State* | Up to $10,000 per project (dry hydrants and rural water supply)<br>When: Calendar-year application packet | Water-supply infrastructure, not props — listed because it is Vermont's main standing state program for rural departments.<br>https://www.vacd.org/programs/rural-fire-protection/ | Not for props |
| 3 | **Vermont Emergency Management — SHSP sub-grants; Vermont Fire Service Training Council**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities; VFA/SFA federal funding was proposed for elimination in FY27, so confirm status with FPR.<br>https://vem.vermont.gov/funding | Confirm |

## Virginia

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Virginia Department of Fire Programs — Regional Fire Services Training Facilities (RFSTF) Grant**<br>*State* | 50% of project cost, up to $50,000<br>When: Application period opens July 1; due ~September 1 | Created specifically for localities to acquire training props used as regional training facilities under NFPA 1001 and 1403. The single most direct training-prop grant in the country — a locality applies on the department's behalf.<br>https://vdfp.virginia.gov/grants/training-facilities/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **VDFP — Aid to Localities (Fire Programs Fund) & Training Mini-Grants**<br>*State (formula + mini-grants)* | ATL: annual allocation to every locality (1% of fire insurance premiums); Mini-Grant: up to $30,000 per locality<br>When: ATL annual; mini-grants per VFSB schedule | ATL may fund training, training-center construction/improvement, equipment and protective clothing. The VFSB Training Mini-Grant targets training facilities and capabilities.<br>https://vdfp.virginia.gov/grants/ | Strong fit |
| 3 | **Virginia Department of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance & Dry Hydrant Grants**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50% reimbursement; varies<br>When: Annual (late-summer deadline) | Rural departments; wildland equipment and training.<br>https://dof.virginia.gov/ | Confirm |

## Washington

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Washington DNR — Fire District Assistance: HB 1168 Grants (Ops, Training, PPE)**<br>*State* | Ops grant up to $20,000; Training grant up to $10,000 (40 awards); PPE grant<br>When: Phased; Ops opened March 2 (2026); Training grant annual | State-funded under HB 1168; the Training grant covers wildland fire training. Ops grants are flexible — check current eligible-cost list.<br>https://dnr.wa.gov/fire-district-assistance | Confirm |

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | **Washington DNR — Volunteer Fire Assistance (Phase 2)**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Up to $6,000 (2026 Phase 2) with 50% match<br>When: Applications Oct 1 – Nov 1 | Rural districts serving under 10,000; equipment, communications, prevention.<br>https://dnr.wa.gov/fire-district-assistance | Confirm |
| 3 | **Washington State Patrol / State Fire Marshal — Fire Training Division**<br>*State* | Training delivery rather than cash grants<br>When: Ongoing | Regional direct-delivery training; coordinate prop-based courses with WSP Fire Training.<br>https://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/ | Not for props |

## West Virginia

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **WV State Fire Commission — Volunteer Fire Department Equipment & Training Grant (87CSR10)**<br>*State* | Typically up to $10,000<br>When: By invitation after Letter of Inquiry to the SFMO; register in wvOASIS VSS | For volunteer and part-volunteer departments; funds training on Commission-approved curriculum and equipment. Departments must be in compliance with Legislative Auditor reporting.<br>https://firemarshal.wv.gov/ | Strong fit |
| 2 | **WV Fire Protection Fund distributions**<br>*State (formula)* | Quarterly insurance-surcharge distributions (often ~$40K–$50K/yr per VFD)<br>When: Quarterly | Allowable uses are defined by statute (equipment, PPE, insurance, training supplies up to $500/yr, etc.). Check current allowable-use list before using for a prop.<br>https://firemarshal.wv.gov/ | Confirm |
| 3 | **WV Division of Forestry — Volunteer Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | Cost-share<br>When: Annual | Rural departments; wildland equipment and training.<br>https://wvforestry.com/ | Confirm |

## Wisconsin

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Wisconsin DNR — Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant**<br>*State* | 50% cost-share; $750 – $10,000 per department ($5K–$25K for county associations)<br>When: Notice May 1; due July 1 annually | Departments with a DNR mutual-aid MOU; priorities are NFPA 1977 PPE, forest fire training, prevention, tools and communications. Training on wildland skills is eligible.<br>https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/ForestFireProtection.html | Confirm |
| 2 | **Wisconsin 2% Fire Dues Program**<br>*State (formula)* | Annual distribution to municipalities based on insured property value<br>When: Annual (paid ~July 1) | Fire dues must be used for fire prevention and protection purposes, including training and equipment — ask your municipality how the department's share is allocated.<br>https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/FireDues/Default.aspx | Likely fit |

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | **Wisconsin Emergency Management — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to regional priorities.<br>https://wem.wi.gov/preparedness/grants/ | Confirm |

## Wyoming

| # | Program & type | Award, match & timing | What to know & link | Prop fit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Wyoming State Forestry Division — Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**<br>*Federal / State-administered* | 50/50 reimbursement; ~$336K awarded to 41 departments (2024 cycle)<br>When: Due December 31 annually | Departments serving ≤10,000; equipment, training and organization categories. Applied for by the county or district on the department's behalf.<br>https://wsfd.wyo.gov/fire-management/fire-grants-assistance/vfa-grants | Confirm |
| 2 | **BLM Wyoming — Rural Fire Assistance**<br>*Federal* | Varies<br>When: Annual | For rural/volunteer departments cooperating on wildland fire near BLM lands.<br>https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/wyoming | Not for props |
| 3 | **Wyoming Office of Homeland Security — SHSP sub-grants**<br>*State / Federal pass-through* | Varies<br>When: Annual | Training equipment eligible when tied to state priorities.<br>https://hls.wyo.gov/ | Confirm |

# About this guide

Vulka Fire Equipment, LLC is a Baltimore-area manufacturer of the Vulka Training System (VTS), a modular firefighter training prop that supports multiple hands-on drills from a single storable unit. We built this guide because the question we hear most from training officers is not 'does the prop work?' but 'how do we pay for it?' The answer is almost always a grant the department already qualifies for and has never applied to.

If you are preparing a grant application that includes VTS, we can provide a formal quote that matches your request to the dollar, product specifications and standards references, a sole-source or best-value justification letter, and a sample training plan for the configurations you intend to run. Contact us through vulkafire.com.

Corrections and additions are welcome — if your state has a program we missed or a deadline has moved, let us know and we will update the next edition.

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*Sources: Program details were verified in October 2026 against the administering agencies' published notices, statutes and award announcements, including FEMA's FY2025 AFG NOFO and Federal Register notice, state fire marshal and forestry agency grant pages, and funder websites. Amounts shown as 'typical' or 'recent' reflect the most recent published cycle.*