



Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program (VFA)

This application can take up to 30 minutes to complete and once started, the application must be completed and submitted. You are not able to save progress and return to the application later. The application will also time out after 15-minutes of inactivity and all progress will be lost. Please click the following link to review the questions in advance or print the list of questions to develop and record your responses before beginning electronic data entry: <https://gatrees.org/resources/sample-application-gfc-vfa-grant/>. VFA 50/50 Grant Application: \$5,000.00 Maximum Reimbursement based on availability of funds, application ranking, and eligibility. For complete program details visit: <https://gatrees.org/fire-prevention-suppression/rural-fire-defense-lease-program/>.

* Required

1. Name of Community Organization/Department *

2. Enter the Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN) below. This number is also referred to as a Federal Tax ID Number and is a nine digit number assigned by the IRS in the following format: XX-XXXXXXX. Generally, all businesses and Government entities need an FEIN. *If the community applying for grant money does not have a Federal ID number, the community will need to apply for one by going to <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online> *

3. Entity Mailing Address (i.e. street name, building number, box number) : *

4. Entity City: *

5. Entity Zip Code: *

6. County: *

7. Phone (primary including area code): *

8. Phone (other/alternate including area code):

9. Email Address: *

10. Fire Department Name: *

11. Station Name:

12. Fire Department Identifier Number (FDID). The FDID is a unique fire department identifier assigned by states through the U.S. Fire Administration for reporting incident data to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NIFRS). Enter your department FDID#:

13. Fire Chief Name: *

14. Fire Chief Phone: *

15. Fire Chief Email *

16. Please enter contact details for the county or city government administrator. Include name, title, govt. mailing address, phone number, and email address. *

17. Does your department or station maintain an active and valid Certificate of Compliance from the Georgia Fire Standards & Training Council in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia Rule 205-1-2 & Title 25 Chapter 3 Article 2 concerning recognized "fire departments"? *

Yes

No

18. Enter your departments annual operating budget: *

19. Has your department or station received an approved grant award or funding assistance from the GFC Rural Fire Defense Program (Volunteer Fire Assistance) within the last 12 calendar months? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20. If your department or station has received an approved grant award or funding assistance from the GFC Rural Fire Defense Program (Volunteer Fire Assistance) within the last 12 calendar months, What was the dollar amount awarded or dollar amount of reimbursement paid?

21. Department or Division Type: *

- Career (100% career firefighters)
- Mostly career (51% - 99% career firefighters)
- Mostly volunteer (1% - 50% career firefighters)
- Volunteer (0% career firefighters)

22. How many paid firefighting personnel does your department have? *

23. How many volunteer firefighting personnel does your department have? *

24. How many personnel within your department are wildland fire qualified (include paid and volunteer)? *

25. Community population served by your station (citizens protected): *

- 0 - 5,000 people
- 5,001 - 10,000 people
- 10,001 - 19,999 people
- 20,000 or more people

26. What percentage of department responses are woods/brush/grass fires? *

27. Select your departments current Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating class. *

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

28. Using the website <https://wildfirerisk.org/explore/> for your community **or** county level what is the Risk to Homes rating category? *

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very High

29. Using the website <https://wildfirerisk.org/explore/> for your community **or** county level what is the Wildfire Likelihood rating category? *

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very High

30. Using the website <https://wildfirerisk.org/explore/> for your community **or** county level what is the Vulnerable Populations rating category? *

- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very High

31. Does your department have a current signed Rural Fire Defense (RFD) Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Forestry Commission? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (ask your local GFC Chief Ranger)

32. Is the community protected by your department/station bordered by any federally controlled land, such as a national park or national forest? *

- Yes
- No

33. If your community is not bordered by any federally controlled land, how close is the nearest national park or national forest in miles (estimated miles)? *

34. Project Description (We are applying for a Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant to): Be sure to include a brief narrative of the situation(s) you want to mitigate and your expected outcomes from completing/implementing this project or obtaining requested equipment? *

- 35. Include item descriptions, quantities, and **estimated** costs for firefighting equipment that your department wishes to obtain if awarded funding assistance.

Eligible Items

- 1. Items listed within ISO/FSRS Table 512.A, 544.A, 544.B, and Appendix A Wildland Brush Apparatus: please visit <https://gatrees.org/resources/iso-mitigation-tables-wildland-brush-apparatus/> to view tables and Appendix A for wildland apparatus equipment.

Note: Breathing apparatuses or UAS/Drones are not available for purchase under this grant!

- 2. Fire department pump test equipment such as PTO gauges, vacuum/pressure test gauges, deluge guns with nozzle tips, and RPM counters.
- 3. Emergency red lights and scene lighting.
- 4. Wildland PPE and hand tools.
- 5. Class A and/or B foam systems, foam concentrates that support wildland response.
- 6. New this Year: Slip-on units (maximum of \$5,000 VFA Funding!)
- 7. New this Year: Communications equipment (radios, alerting systems) that directly support wildland fire response and maintains interoperability with state forestry agency fire suppression resources (NOTE: GFC uses VHF and LTE Broadband). Excludes Scanners/receivers.

NOTE: Grant parameters require awarded applicants to obtain 3 bids minimum on options and items purchased. This does not have to be done during the application process but will be required for all approved applicants before purchase is made and reimbursement request submission.

Remember: This is a 50/50 matching grant! Fire Departments may qualify for reimbursement of up to 50% of \$10,000.00 or \$5,000.00 maximum per government entity. The 50/50 matching rule will apply to all amounts less than the maximum. Entities who are approved for grant award must be prepared to take on all costs up-front and then apply for reimbursement. Applications will be reviewed quarterly. Non-Awardees will be notified of their status by email. Awardees will be forwarded an information packet to include grant documentation instructions and how to submit reimbursement request. *

- 36. What is the timeline for completion? Applicant must include estimated time in (months) that it will take to complete this project/proposal with a clearly defined anticipated start and end date. Timeline should indicate dates specific milestones will be reached. *

37. Estimated number of Months to fully implement project if approved? *

38. Who is responsible for the successful implementation, accountable for property tracking/inventory, record keeping up to 5-years after project completion or receipt of grant award, appropriate use of funds, and recording of project accomplishments? Include names and full complement of contact information. *

39. This applicant certifies to the best of his/her knowledge, all information provided within this application is true and correct. The applicant agrees to abide by the guidelines of this program and understands that the GFC Rural Fire Defense Program Manager, GFC, and the United States Forest Service reserves the right to request additional information, conduct audits/inventories/inspections at anytime within 5-years concerning any award of funding assistance. Failure to comply with program guidelines will result in forfeiture of any or all funds awarded or received by the department. Applicant understands that submitting this application form constitutes an electronic signature. Furthermore, applicant hereby attests that he/she has contacted the county/city official who has the authority to enter into contracts and agreements to allow submission of this grant application and has reviewed the complete program guidelines. Submitting this application does not guarantee award of funding assistance. Enter your full legal name below. *

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