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TO:     Tim Lowrimore, Gary White, Frank Sorrells, Bo Chesser, Seth Pierce, Area FMOs, and Chief Rangers  
FROM:     Emily Hamilton  
SUBJECT: NFP/VFA Grant Program Announcement

Please share the following information with fire departments serving communities with populations of less than 10,000 in your counties.

We will begin accepting requests for the NFP/VFA grant, which allows purchases from the options listed below on October 1, 2022. The attached grant application will be utilized to establish priority awards. Cooperating Fire Departments should return a completed application to the RFD office in Macon by mail or email, no later than 4:30 P.M. November 30th, 2022. (See attached mail/fax information) Remember, a grant application is not valid unless it is signed by the appropriate head of the Government entity requesting assistance.

Options

1. Table 512A items are allowed for purchase under this grant. See attached.  
   Note: Breathing apparatuses and radios 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 and foam.

6. This year we are also funding 50% of the cost of slip-on units with a maximum of $5,000 VFA Funding!

Non-Awardees will be notified of their status by mail. Awardees will be forwarded an information packet to include grant documentation instructions.

Grant parameters require awarded applicants to obtain 3 bids minimum on options and items purchased.

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.

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the current NFP/VFA Grant.

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