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Dear Cooperator,

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The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is soliciting applications for the 2024 Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant. This collaborative effort combines federal and state assistance programs into one user-friendly program in order to assist the fire departments of Utah in improving their fire protection capabilities. Grant funds can be used to provide fire training, purchase equipment and fund fire prevention programs. However, because of changes at the national level, there are some limitations this year on the types of equipment available for purchase with these funds. This year there is particular emphasis on WILDLAND PPE, training, communication equipment, fire apparatus/equipment and fire prevention.

This grant is an excellent financial resource to help meet the requirements of Title 65A-8. As of June 2006, county/district fire departments responding to wildland fires will need to meet minimum training and certification standards in order for the county to be eligible to enter into cooperative agreements with the state. A priority of this grant is to assist with the cost of wildland PPE to meet these requirements. The other priority for the grant is to increase firefighting capacity.

All fire service organizations except industrial, state and federal fire departments are eligible for assistance under this program regardless of size or location.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Your fire department's members must have at least 50% certified firefighters or your department must have a training plan to meet the requirements of the Utah Cooperative Wildfire System (CWS) or certification of fire personnel to at least certified Fire Fighter I and/or NWCG Fire Fighter II.  
*Link to Fire Policy <https://sites.google.com/a/utah.gov/ffsl-enterprise/home/fire/fire-policy>*
2. **Beginning in 2024, the in-kind match requirement is no longer the responsibility of the requesting department. You will not need to provide any matching documentation or in-kind worksheets.**
3. Applications must be for the enhancement of fire prevention, fire protection services, equipment and/or training. **Ambulances, paramedic training, EMT training, pagers, etc. are not within the scope of this program.**



4. The grant funds must be spent, and documentation submitted by November 30, 2024. Grant money not spent by this date will be reallocated to other fire service organizations. In 2024 we extended the Deadline to Spend Grant Funds for Winter and Spring Training until April 15th 2024 to allow requests for Winter Fire School and Spring Engine Training. All other Grant requests maintain the November 30, 2024 deadline.

**The Grant Application and Program Guidance / Instruction Document are available online. You can download a copy at <https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/fire-grants/>**

The priorities for this year are outlined in the guidelines which are also available for download at the same site above. There have been some changes in the program so read these guidelines before filling out the application. Again, there is particular focus in the areas of wildland training, PPE, fire apparatus/equipment, communication equipment, fire prevention and increased firefighting capacity.

You will need to download the application and save it to your computer. You may fill it out and return it electronically or by conventional mail. If you cannot download the application and would like one mailed to you, contact Ben Huntsman at 801-538-5413 or [email](#) and one will be emailed to you.

**Completed applications need to be returned to our office by Tuesday, June 10, 2024. Applications that are received after this date will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified after July 8, 2024.** If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your local Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands Area Fire Management Officer, a UFDAG committee member or representatives of the State of Utah Fire Marshal's Office.

Sincerely,

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