

Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Committee

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Recommended Timeline:

Activity	Purpose	Date
Grant Committee Coordination	Status of current grant Review objectives/priorities Review application and make necessary changes.	Email April 2, 2024
Application period	Mail out application notification Post application on Div. of FFSL website.	April 29, 2024
Applications due		June 3, 2024
Grant Committee Meeting Review Applications	The grant committee reviews F.D. ranking and provides input. Establish final rankings and awards to the departments.	June 10 afternoon, 2024 Location Aspen Room
Notify Departments of awards or no award	Required before departments can begin spending grant money.	July 8, 2024
Deadline to spend grant funds	Invoices and/or proof of purchase due to the State Office.	November 30, 2024 1700 hours
Second Round	Spend all funds allocated for 2024.	January/ February 2025
Winter/Spring Fire Schools	Turn in invoices for funds allocated for WFS	April 15, 2025 1700 hours

Grant Application and Guidance online at: <https://ffsl.utah.gov/fire/fire-grants/>

The Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant is comprised of two different funding sources from two different entities with slightly different requirements. The committee combines both funding sources into one program so it is seamless for the fire departments.

Agency	USFS	Utah FFSL
Historical amount available	250-350K est.	100-200K
Can be used for:	Wildland for PPE, Training & Equipment, Prevention	Wildland or Structure Fire Training & Equipment, Prevention
Population requirement	<10,000	None
Maximum award	\$5,000.00 per item, \$10,000 max award	\$10,000.00
Reporting	Consolidated grant accomplishment report	Report as requested to the FFSL
Priorities	Set by the U.S.F.S. & Grant Committee	Increase firefighting capacity
Common Requirements	Reporting fire activity in NFIRS, NIMS Compliant and must have 50% wildland certified firefighters	