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Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) APPLICATION -**Application Deadline: NOVEMBER 2, 2026**

2026

1. **FED TAX ID#:** _____ **UEI #:** _____
   Name of City/Township of Agency: _____
   Name of Fire Department: _____
   Mailing Address: _____
   City: _____ State: Iowa Zip: _____
2. **Estimated TOTAL project cost:** _____
3. Date of Application (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ County: _____
4. Is the requesting community under 10,000 population? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Is the local 50% cost share available? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. How many acres of state-owned land are you protecting? _____ acres
7. Is the local agency registered with the State Fire Marshall's office? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Has the local agency participated in Wildland Fire training? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Does the local agency use wildland fire PPE on wildland fires? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Is the completed W-9 Federal Tax ID form attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No
    The address listed on the W-9 MUST match the address of the UEI#.
11. Please list the communities that this department has Mutual Aid agreements with:

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The applicant certifies, as a condition of this grant application, that no one within their organization will engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with this grant.

The applicant further certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the information in this application is true and correct and that he/she will comply with the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and its administration guidelines if the grant is received.

Head of Local Government:
(or Financial Officer)

Signature: _____
Name (please print): _____
Title: _____
Day and Evening Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Fire Chief:

Signature: _____
Name (please print): _____
Day and Evening Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

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All INVOICES must be dated between October 1, 2025 and June 1, 2027.
All BILLING CLAIMS must be received by July 1, 2027.

Eligible Cost-Share Items	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
$4,500 maximum VFA cost-share			
Wildfire Hand and Line Tools			
5 gal. Backpack Bladder Bags			
Fire Rake, Collapsible Fire Rake			
Fire Swatter, Fire Broom			
Shovel, McLeod, Pulaski Tool			
Chain Saws, Leaf Blowers, Mist Blowers			
Fire Weather Kit, Kestrel Weather Meters			
Fuses, Drip Torch			
GPS Units			$ 0.00
Wildland Fire Protective Clothing			
Shirts, Pants, Coveralls, Brush Coats: Nomex			
Neck Shrouds: Nomex			
Goggles: fire safe			
Gloves: fire safe			
Hardhats: fire safe			
Fire Packs, Radio Harness, Web Gear			
Boots: fire safe			$ 0.00
Communications Equipment			
Base Radios			
Handheld/Programmable Radios			
Mobile Radios			
Pagers			$ 0.00
Wildland Water Handling Equipment			
Components of Slide-In Units			
Foam Units, Foam Mixers and/or Foam			
Portable Tanks			
Portable Pumps			
Hoses (¾", 1", 1 ½")			
Nozzles and Fittings			$ 0.00
Special Request (no buildings, vehicles, trailers, or ATV's)			
How does your Special Request apply to Wildland Fire? (Attach a separate sheet for special requests)		**Estimated Total Project Cost:**	$ 0.00

NO INDIVIDUAL ITEM CAN BE $5,000 OR MORE.

Email Completed Application by
November 2, 2026

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