

Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant Program - Fact Sheet 2013

Application Deadline: July 1, 2013

1. State Grant Program under the 1997 Wisconsin Act 27; federal grant dollars are also added.
2. **Reimbursement** grant program: **50/50 cost share** (50% FFP grant, 50% fire organization monies).
3. **Fire Departments** must have a **signed and executed (dated 2012 or prior to 7/1/13) forest fire suppression agreement** with the DNR are eligible to apply. **County associations are eligible if a majority of their fire department members serve DNR organized fire protection areas.**
4. Can purchase only wildland fire equipment in the following categories **listed in priority order:** (Be sure to review this year's list of eligible & ineligible purchases)
 - a) personal protective clothing and equipment
 - b) forest fire training
 - c) forest fire prevention & wildland urban interface projects
 - d) forest fire suppression equipment (now includes dry hydrant components and supplies for **new installations only** (includes piping, strainer, and fittings)
 - e) communication equipment
 - f) dry hydrant installation (costs such as excavation, site preparation, engine pad, and signage)
 - g) mapping, GPS
 - h) off-road vehicles primarily used on forest fire including ATVs, RTVs, & UTVs suitable for fire suppression (limited to individual fire depts.)
5. **Maximum grant award** for fire departments \$10,000 cost share (\$20,000 project proposal).
Maximum grant award for county association \$25,000 cost share (\$50,000 project proposal).
Minimum grant award for fire departments \$750 cost share (\$1,500 project proposal).
Minimum grant award for a county association \$5,000 cost share (\$10,000 project proposal).
6. Application information (postcard) mailed to fire departments and county associations statewide in May. A fillable, printable, savable application and guidance are available on the DNR website:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/forestfireprotection.html>
7. Applications must be submitted on or before **July 1, 2013.**
8. Grant recipients will be notified in early October 2013.
9. Grants must be completed by strictly enforced deadline of **April 15, 2014.**
10. The probability of receiving a grant is dependent upon quality of application, number of applications and amount of funding (still unknown at this time).