



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Division of State Fire Marshal

APPLICATION FOR FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Name of Fire Department: Chipley Fire Department

Name of Person Completing Form: Joshua Aycock

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Fire Department Identification Number (FDID#): 50012

Federal Tax Identification Number: 59-6000299

What Year was Fire Department Established: 1970

STAFFING INFORMATION

(A)	<u>Total Number of Certified Volunteer Firefighters:</u>	16
(B)	<u>Total Number of Firefighters with a Certificate of Compliance:</u>	4
(C)	<u>Total Number of Other Members:</u> (Not Certified as Volunteer or Career Firefighters)	
(A + B + C)	<u>Total Number of Persons in Your Fire Department:</u>	20

RESPONSE AREA INFORMATION

What are the Square Miles of Your Response Area?: 85 Sq mi
(Do Not Include Mutual Aid Response Area)

What is the Population of Your Response Area?: 10,000
(Do Not Include Mutual Aid Response Area)

FUNDING INFORMATION

Directions: List the total funding received from ANY taxing authority in your current FISCAL YEAR, or in your current CALENDER YEAR.

Include any funds and grants received from any local governing authority, County, Town, City, Municipality, Independent Special District, Dependent Special District, Special District, Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), or Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU).

DO NOT INCLUDE DONATIONS OF ANY TYPE.

Total Funds Received: \$ _____ Total Grants Received \$ _____

☐ Calendar Year _____

☒ Fiscal Year 24/25

REQUESTED ASSISTANCE

Which of the following items are you requesting? (Please select ALL that apply)

☐ **I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO TRAIN PERSONS TO BECOME VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- The NUMBER of proposed students to be trained.
- The proposed DATES that the volunteer firefighter practical skill training will be conducted.
- The NAME of each instructor(s) that will be conducting the training.
- The INSTRUCTOR ID number of each instructor(s) that will be conducting the training.
- The LOCATION where the training will occur.
- The LOCATION where the live fire training will occur.

☐ **I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO RECEIVE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- The NAME of each person(s) who will be assigned the PPE.
- The FCDICE number of each person(s) who will be assigned the PPE.
- The INVENTORY of all PPE currently in use by your fire department to include:
 - Manufacturer of PPE.
 - Date each set of PPE was made, or age of each PPE set.

What percentage of your firefighters are equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE)?

☐ 0% ☐ 1-25% ☐ 26-50% ☐ 51-75% ☐ 76-99% ☐ 100%

What percentage of your firefighters personal protective equipment (PPE) is at least ten (10) years old?

☐ 0% ☐ 1-25% ☐ 26-50% ☐ 51-75% ☐ 76-99% ☐ 100%

<input type="checkbox"/>	I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO RECEIVE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)										
Please provide the following information in the <u>narrative section</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List each fire apparatus in your department. Include the type, year, and model of each fire apparatus. Include the number of seated riding positions for <u>each</u> fire apparatus. The INVENTORY of all SCBA currently in use by your fire department to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturer of SCBA. Date each SCBA unit was made, or age of SCBA unit. 											
What percentage of your firefighters on an emergency response can be equipped with SCBA?											
<input type="checkbox"/>	0%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-25%	<input type="checkbox"/>	26-50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	51-75%	<input type="checkbox"/>	76-99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%
What percentage of your SCBA are at least ten (10) years old?											
<input type="checkbox"/>	0%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-25%	<input type="checkbox"/>	26-50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	51-75%	<input type="checkbox"/>	76-99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%
<input type="checkbox"/>	I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO SUBSIDIZE THE COST SHARE OF AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) TO OBTAIN A NEW PUMPER FIRE APPARATUS										
Please provide the following information from your <u>FEMA AFG Summary Award Notification</u> in the <u>narrative section</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of grantee. Amount awarded. Description of award and type of vehicle. Grantee share of cost. Period of grant performance. 											
<input type="checkbox"/>	I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW OR REFURBISHED PUMPER FIRE APPARATUS										
Please attach an inventory list of ALL apparatus owned and available for use by your department. For each fire apparatus list the following information in the <u>narrative section</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturer and model of each apparatus. Year each apparatus was manufactured. Number of miles on each apparatus. Current engine hours on each apparatus if equipped with an engine hour meter. 											
Please attach photos (four sides) of all apparatus owned and available for use by your department.											
Enter the <u>number</u> of each type of apparatus that is owned and available for use by your fire department?											
Age (Years)	Engines / Pumpers		Ladders / Aerials		Tankers / Tenders						
	In Service	Reserve	Inservice	Reserve	Inservice	Reserve					
0 - 14											
15 - 19											
20 - 29											
30 or more											

☐**I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO RECEIVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR**☐

Stand-alone Thermal Imager; or

☐

Gas Monitor

Please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- List each fire apparatus in your department.
- Include the type, year, and model of each fire apparatus.
- Include the number of seated riding positions for each fire apparatus.

Does your department currently have a thermal imager or gas monitor? ☐ YES ☐ NOIf yes, please provide the following information in **narrative section**:

- List of each environmental monitor in inventory.
- Include manufacturer, model, and year of each environmental monitor.

☐**I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO RECEIVE A POWERED RESCUE TOOL**Please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- List each fire apparatus in your department.
- Include the type, year, and model, of each fire apparatus.
- Include the number of seated riding positions for each fire apparatus.

Does your department currently have a powered rescue tool? ☒ YES ☐ NOIf yes, please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- List of each type of powered rescue tool in inventory.
- Include manufacturer, model, and year of each type of powered rescue tool.

☐**I AM REQUESTING A GRANT TO RECEIVE WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING AND URBAN INTERFACE FIRE FIGHTING (WFUIF) PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**Please provide the following information in the **narrative section**:

- The NAME of each person(s) who will be assigned the WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment.
- The FCDICE number of each person(s) who will be assigned WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment.
- The INVENTORY of all WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment currently in use by your fire department to include:
 - Manufacturer of WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment.
 - Date each set of WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment was made, or age of each WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment set.

What percentage of your firefighters are equipped with WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment?☐ 0% ☐ 1–25% ☐ 26–50% ☐ 51–75% ☐ 76–99% ☐ 100%**What percentage of your firefighters WFUIF Protective Clothing and Equipment is at least ten (10) years old?**☐ 0% ☐ 1–25% ☐ 26–50% ☐ 51–75% ☐ 76–99% ☐ 100%

GRANT NARRATIVE (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Project Description:

This request is aimed to fund the purchase of powered extrication equipment (spreader & cutter) for Chipley Volunteer Fire Department. The total funding request for this project is \$23,720.00. Quote is included.

The City of Chipley is fortunate and proud to be protected by a fire department with a dedicated team of 20 volunteer firefighters. At any given call, Chipley Fire Department is blessed to say that we can count on 80% of our volunteer force to be on-scene and actively working. Chipley Volunteer Fire Department is tasked with providing fire protection for the City Limits of Chipley that consists of 4.5 square miles with 3,667 citizens. Chipley Fire Department also provides fire protection to 85 square miles of Washington County as automatic aid via standard written agreement between the city and the county, this area is home to approximately 6,300 citizens. Along with this Chipley Fire also handles all heavy extrication for the entire county as requested.

The infrastructure within the City of Chipley has drastically increased over the past several years with the addition of new businesses, more places of worship, and new school buildings leading to more automotive traffic. Traffic counts have soared within the city due to the new multi-lane highways of State Roads 77 and 79 which are direct routes to the beaches and are heavily traveled day and night by motorists from all over the southeast and its no surprise that everyone is in a hurry to arrive at their destination.

With these changes, we are still proud to say that Chipley is home to so many deserving families that continue to raise their children in our happy community. The focused mission for Chipley Volunteer Fire Department is to provide the best possible service to our citizens and provide the most safe work habits to the volunteers, all while trying to operate as cost effective as possible.

1. Financial Need

I know that we can all agree that the cost of doing business is increasing everyday, and managing a fire department is managing a business. We can also agree that volunteer fire departments all across the country are struggling with costs increases on tight budgets, it seems we are facing an up-hill battle all the way. Our situation is no different, we are a volunteer department and all though we are supported by a city that believes in fire protection and provides as much fiscal support as they can, its still not sufficient enough to move the department forward. This day in time, our annual budget is enough to operate and "get by" year to year however, it is not sufficient enough to provide investment into new equipment with the most up to date technology. We are also facing hits to our budget due to maintaining and aging fleet of apparatus and equipment along with a continues increase in call volume.

2. Grant Intent: Understanding the Intent of the Grant Requested

Florida Firefighter Assistance Grant Program

Intent: The Firefighter Assistance Grant Program was established by Florida Statute 633.135 and F.A.C. 69A-37.502 to improve the emergency response capability of volunteer fire departments and combination fire departments and provide financial assistance to improve firefighter safety and enable such fire departments to provide firefighting, emergency medical, and rescue services to their communities. Grant funding is available for PPE, SCBA's, cost share subsidy for AFG apparatus awards, purchase Fire Apparatus, specific Safety Related Tools and Equipment, and Wildland Firefighting Protective Equipment.

We have reviewed the documentation and requirements associated with the Florida Firefighter Assistance Grant Program and have a firm understanding of the intent, budget, and overall goal of the program. We also share the same goal to assure our volunteers have the necessary equipment that is needed to safely execute all firefighting operations.

The City of Chipley understands that the program has an established budget of \$1,000,000.00 and we are requesting a total of \$23,720.00 to meet our goal of providing safe, NFPA compliant, and the most up to date extrication equipment. As we all know as vehicle evolve, older out of date equipment will not cut modern metals utilized now. This is an evolving issue in the world of motor vehicle accidents and an issue that Chipley Fire Department wants to avoid for the safety of our citizens and visitors.

3. Cost Benefit / Risk Analysis

Chipley Fire Department has a reputation in the panhandle area for being an aggressive and well-trained fire department. Having our current 2006 Hurst extrication equipment hinders our operations with modern day vehicles utilizing modern metals. Our current Hurst set has served our community and department well performing countless extrications in our county. While we strive to be up to date, current budget restraints have produced a significant impact on our ability to keep up with the evolving standards.

Receiving this grant will allow us to not only resolve these issues but ensure our firefighters can continue to safely protect and serve our community without the concern of obsolete equipment. When presented with a nearly impossible task such as reports of entrapment, the last thing any firefighter should have to worry about is the safety and quality of their equipment.

4. Statement of Effect

Chipley Fire Department has always strived to be the absolute best it can be and provide our citizens with the best service. The award of this funding would have a substantial impact that will provide immediate benefit to not only our team of volunteers but multiple agencies around us. Receiving this grant would outfit our rescue truck with up to date equipment to be more proficient during extrications. While we already have one new set of extrication equipment, it is becoming more and more common for our department to respond to multiple calls at one time. Another huge factor for our department is the interstate. Chipley Fire Department covers primarily twelve miles of interstate 10 and many more for mutual aid. This high speed roadway leads to many terrible accidents, a lot of time requiring multiple sets of equipment to perform successful extrications. This issue can lead to not having the correct equipment accessible when needed in critical situations.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration in providing this funding as well as any additional funding that may be available. I would also like to add that Chipley Fire Department will always be willing to aid other departments statewide with manpower and/or resources.

Equipment / Truck inventory

Rescue 1	1997 Ford F-350	2 seats
Brush 1	2012 Ford F-250	4 seats
Engine 1	2001 Pierce Saber	6 seats
Engine 2	2024 Pierce Saber	6 seats
Tanker 1	1996 Ford F-800	2 seats
Tanker 2	2006 Freightliner	2 seats
Tanker 3	1985 GMC Brigadier	2 seats

Extrication equipment

Set 1 2023 TNT
Cutter – ESL-C30
Spreader – ES100-28
Ram – ER-40

Set 2 (old set) 2006 Hurst

Spreader
Cutter Model is unknown due to age and shape of equipment.
Ram

Provide an itemized list and costs of requested items:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT REQUEST

<p>To be completed by the Fire Chief or Fire Service Agency Head of the municipality or county, the state, or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities and special districts, employing firefighters or utilizing volunteer firefighters to provide fire extinguishment or fire prevention services for the protection of life and property. The term “fire service provider” includes any organization under contract or other agreement with such entity to provide such services.</p> <p>Note: Administration of resources awarded by the Department to the recipient may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department.</p>		
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<p>I attest that the information contained in this application is accurate, and that I am authorized to submit this grant request on behalf of the local governing authority, County, Town, City, Municipality, Independent Special District, Independent Special District, Special District, Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), or Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)</p>		
Aycock	Joshua	Chief
Printed Name	(Last)	(First)
<i>Joshua Aycock</i>		10/01/2024
Signature		(Date)