



# FUNDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS

*A Black Hills Corporation Foundation 2025 Special Project*

**Purpose:** The "Funds for Firefighters" Grant Program is dedicated to supporting the brave men and women who serve as volunteer firefighters, as well as recognize Black Hills Energy employees who serve as volunteer firefighters. This program aims to provide financial assistance for essential equipment and resources to enhance the safety and effectiveness of firefighting operations in our service territories.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a volunteer fire department serving a Black Hills Energy community

**Grant Details:**

- Funding Amount: Grants range from \$100 to \$2,500.
- Use of Funds: Eligible requests include firefighting equipment or safety gear.
- Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted along with the department's W-9 by April 11 to [jason.auslander@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:jason.auslander@blackhillscorp.com)

**Application Process:**

1. **Complete the form below:** Provide detailed information about your organization and the specific needs the grant will address.
2. **Include supporting documents:** Include any relevant photos of request item(s). Include the department's current W-9.
3. **Review and selection:** Applications will be reviewed by a panel from your state, and recipients will be notified in mid-May.

**General Information**

Organization name:

Contact person:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone number:

E-mail:

***Project Information***

Project name:

Describe the program or project for which funds are requested:

Specify how the funds will be spent:

Population of community supported by project:

Explain the need for the project/program:

Total project/program budget:

Amount requested:

Will Black Hills Energy be recognized for the grant? If so, how?

Has your organization received funds from Black Hills Energy in the last five years? If so, please explain.

***Department Information:***

Number of residents served:

District's annual budget:

Number of volunteers in department:

Size of district (square miles):

Average number of fires/emergencies responded to per year:

Has the fire department recently received funding from Black Hills Energy? If so, please list date and amount.

Signature and Date:

**Applications are due by April 11, 2025. Please email this completed application to:**

**[jason.auslander@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:jason.auslander@blackhillscorp.com)**

**\*\*Remember to include your organization's completed W-9 with this application.**