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**GRANT APPROVAL ID NUMBER 82**

Thank you for your recent Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) 50/50% Grant Application. The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) utilizes funds from a federal competitive grant from the U.S. Forest Service to pass funding to local fire departments in Georgia for specific items in an effort establish and/or enhance wildfire safety, readiness, and response.

It is with pleasure to notify you that your 50/50% VFA Grant Application for Generators with LED Light Kits was approved. The total amount of this grant awarded to the **Effingham County Fire Rescue** will be up to, **\$4,193.93 subject to availability of Federal funds**). This amount equals 50% of the estimated total cost the fire department indicated within the Grant Application, but not exceeding the maximum \$5,000 per grant applicant.

To receive the above approved amount, all items **MUST** be completed from the attached checklist

Please reference your Grant Approval ID Number as noted above.

All required documentation must be uploaded per instructions from the attached checklist.

**If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at  
Phone: 912-515-4035 or Email [djbrown@gfc.state.ga.us](mailto:djbrown@gfc.state.ga.us)**

Upon receipt of the above required documentation, the Georgia Forestry Commission will process the invoice with your supporting documentation within 45 days of receipt of your complete reimbursement package.

The GFC would like to thank you for being a tremendous partner in helping us to prevent and suppress wildland fires in Georgia.

Regards,

JUSTIN BROWN  
RURAL FIRE DEFENSE COORDINATOR

**CC: Clinton Hodges, Fire Chief  
Tim Callanan, County Manager**