

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION (FFP) GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 26.145(1), (2), and (3), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, subchapters I and VIII, Wis. Admin. Code

History: This grant program was created in 1997 to provide grant funds to encourage and support local volunteer fire organizations that assist the DNR in initial attack of forest fires.

Budget: 2009-2011 Biennial Budget:

State appropriation (Annual/SEG)	\$170,000
Federal State Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 2)	\$121,781*
Federal Volunteer Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 4)	\$280,219*
Total anticipated annual allotment for FFP Program	\$572,000

**federal amount can vary from year to year*

Objective: To expand the use of local fire departments to augment and strengthen the DNR's overall initial attack fire suppression capabilities on forest fires by providing forest fire protection grants to municipal fire departments and other fire suppression organizations.

Eligibility: Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments, and fire suppression organizations that enter into a written agreement with the DNR in which the municipality or fire suppression organization agrees to assist the DNR in suppression of forest fires at the Department's request.

Level of Assistance: 50% matching grants for eligible project costs; limit of \$10,000 to individual fire departments; limit of \$25,000 to county fire suppression organizations.

Priorities/Projects (in priority order):

1. Personal protective equipment
2. Forest fire training
3. Forest fire prevention
4. Forest fire suppression tools & equipment
5. Radio Reprogramming
6. Communication equipment
7. Dry Hydrants
8. Mapping
9. Vehicles

Application Notice: Mailed by May 1 each year to Wisconsin fire organizations statewide. Postmark deadline: July 1. All application information available on DNR website.

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