

# OKLAHOMA WILDLAND FIRE NOTES

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## OKLAHOMA 80/20 REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS OVERVIEW

### What are Rural Fire 80/20 Reimbursement Grants?

Oklahoma's Rural Fire 80/20 Reimbursement Grant Program provides funding to rural fire departments. These grants are authorized by Governor Mary Fallin, funded by the Oklahoma Legislature, and administered by Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Oklahoma Forestry Services through our rural fire coordinators.

Grants are awarded to legal entities (cities, towns, fire departments or districts) with a population of less than 10,000 for rural fire department equipment purchases or construction. The grants provide reimbursement of 80% of the total amount of the project. Grant recipients receive reimbursement only after the purchase or construction costs have been paid by the recipient. No advance payments can be made. Recipients can only make purchases after their fire department has been officially awarded a grant and received a copy of the State Purchase Order issued by ODAFF.

### How much funding is available?

The total amount available statewide in the program for 2015 is \$200,000. Grants are awarded in all eleven districts of Oklahoma's rural fire defense program. The amount of funding available in each district is based upon the total number of fire departments in the district.

Individual Department Award limits:

- Fire station construction - \$30,000 grant limit
- Fire equipment purchase - \$20,000 grant limit

### What are the steps to applying for an 80/20 reimbursement grant?

1. Fill out an application. The application can be downloaded anytime from Oklahoma Forestry Services' website at [www.forestry.ok.gov/firegrants](http://www.forestry.ok.gov/firegrants)
2. Send the application to your local rural fire coordinator by close of business on **September 1** each year. The contact information for your rural fire coordinator is available online at [www.forestry.ok.gov/rural-fire-defense-program](http://www.forestry.ok.gov/rural-fire-defense-program).
3. The rural fire coordinators will score each nomination and determine which departments receive grants.
4. Oklahoma Forestry Services will notify all applicants around October 10, of whether their fire department will be awarded a grant.

### If my fire department is awarded a grant, what happens?

If awarded an 80/20 grant, the recipient:

1. Receives notification of the award
2. Submits their Federal Employers Identification (FEI) number to Oklahoma Forestry Services
3. Receives a copy of their State Purchase Order from Oklahoma Forestry Services
4. Pays for the equipment or construction
5. Submits proof of purchase or payment to Oklahoma Forestry Services
6. Receives the reimbursement payment through electronic funds transfer.

## How are grant recipients selected each year?

Grant applications are graded by the rural fire coordinator in each Rural Fire District. Once the grants are graded, they are ranked in each Rural Fire District and those grant applications with the highest point total are provided grants until the available funds are extinguished.

FIRE DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	GRANT AMOUNT	ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED
Courtney Volunteer Fire Department Association	Love	\$27,642.51	New Station
Hanna Rural Fire Association	McIntosh	\$17,618.60	Station Expansion
Ringwood Firefighters Association	Major	\$16,492.59	Station Expansion
Carselovey Community Volunteer Fire Department	Craig	\$16,492.59	Station Expansion
Norris Volunteer Fire Department	Latimer	\$14,053.64	Pumper Truck
Crowder Volunteer Fire Department	Pittsburg	\$14,053.45	Station Expansion
Corn Fire Department	Washita	\$13,937.40	Station Expansion
Wichita Mountains Estates Fire Department	Comanche	\$13,861.29	Incident Command Truck
Tecumseh Volunteer Firefighters Association	Pottawatomie	\$11,200.00	Station Expansion
Temple Volunteer Fire Department	Cotton	\$9,600.00	Four Sets Wildland Gear
Liberty Area Fire Protection Association	Tulsa	\$7,680.00	Nozzles, Bunker Gear
Sooner Volunteer Fire Department	Logan	\$7,433.28	Station Expansion
Hooker Firefighters Association	Texas	\$6,051.36	SCBAs, Bottles
Hominy Fire Department	Osage	\$6,000.00	Bunker Gear
Jennings Rural Firefighters Association	Pawnee	\$5,989.46	Two Hale Pumps
Preston Volunteer Fire Department	Okmulgee	\$5,610.40	Wildland Gear, Hose
Fort Supply Fire Department	Woodward	\$4,400.00	Electrical Wiring, Update Lighting
Rock Fire Department	Osage	\$1,883.43	Water Tank

## Questions?

Contact your local rural fire coordinator  
or Oklahoma Forestry Services staff.



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