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### **FY-2021 Annual Package**

This letter serves as notification of the availability of the FY-2021 Annual Package. Beginning with FY2013, VDFP began providing the Annual Package electronically. The Annual Package may be found on the Virginia Department of Fire Programs' website and contains the following:

- ❖ **Aid to Localities (ATL)**
  - FY-2021 Audit Sheet
  - FY-2021 Disbursement Agreement
  - FY-2020 Annual Report
  - FY-2021 Allocations
  - FY-2021 Disbursement Schedule
  - Helpful Hints in Completing Annual Reports and Agreements
- ❖ **Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program**
- ❖ **Regional Fire Services Training Grants Program**
  - \*\*Unfunded in FY2021. Next funding period FY2022\*\***
  - FY-2022 Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Grants Application
  - Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Disbursement Agreement
- ❖ **VFIRS Hardware Grants Program**
  - Letter from VDFP Information and Statistics Manager
  - FY-2021 Application
- ❖ **Conference and Education Assistance Grants Program**
  - \*\*Application period opens July 1, 2020\*\***
  - FY-2021 Conference and Education Grant Application

You will notice that there is no application package for the Training Mini Grant Program due to a lack of funding for FY2021. No Training Mini Grant applications will be accepted for FY2021.

**Please note that the application postmark deadline for the VFIRS Hardware Grant is August 31, 2020 and the Conference and Education Assistance Grant is August 1, 2020.**

Also note that the FY-2020 Annual Report **will not** be accepted prior to July 1, 2020.

All program forms are available on our website at [www.vafire.com](http://www.vafire.com).

## **SPECIAL NOTIFICATIONS OF FUNDING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Aid to Localities Entitlement (ATL) Program** **\*New This Year**

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to adopt a one year increase to the minimum ATL allocations for Towns, Cities, and Counties at the Board meeting in June 2020. On *July 1, 2020 (FY2021)*, the **minimum** ATL allocations for **Towns** have been **increased to \$15,000**; and **Counties and Cities** has been **increased to \$30,000**. Below is a chart to illustrate the minimum increases:

<b>Type of Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>NEW Effective July 1, 2020</b>
Incorporated Towns	\$ 10,000	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
Counties	\$ 20,000	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
Cities	\$ 20,000	<b>\$ 30,000</b>

ATL allocations are calculated based upon the most current US Population Census which was conducted in 2010. Based upon population, jurisdictions that have ATL allocations that fall below the minimum dollar values will have their ATL allocations raised to the minimum dollar level specified above.

### **Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program**

#### **Prototype II Class A Burn Buildings**

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to add the Prototype II Class A Burn Buildings back to the Policy.

### **Regional Fire Services Training Facilities (RFSTF) Grant Program**

The Program is designed to provide defined grants to Virginia localities to provide multi-jurisdictional training as regional fire services training facilities per the NFPA 1001 and 1403 training standards. Due to funding limitations there will not be an application period in FY21. Funding will resume in FY2022.

The Program Policy and related documents can be found on our website under the Grants & Local Aid\Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Grant Program web link.

### **VFIRS Hardware Grants Program**

The amount of funding for the VFIRS Grant is \$700. This funding level will allow the VFSB & VDFP to provide more applicants with funding. The minimum specifications can be found in the Agency Practices document located on our website under the <https://www.vafire.com/grants-and-local-aid/vfirs-hardware-grants/> web link.

### **Conference and Education Assistance Grant Program**

The program provides financial support for conferences and seminars sponsored by Virginia based non-profit organization to further the education of fire and emergency service personnel. FY21 Application period opens July 1<sup>st</sup> and closes August 1st. The Program will be evaluated as competitive. FY2021 awards will be made based in funding availability and the project performance period will be determine upon award.

If you have questions about the documents and forms or need additional assistance, don't hesitate to contact me at 804-249-1958 or via email at [Theresa.Hunter@vdfp.virginia.gov](mailto:Theresa.Hunter@vdfp.virginia.gov).

Respectfully,

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