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FY-2026 Annual Package

This letter serves as notification of the availability of the FY-2026 Annual Package. Beginning with FY2015, 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:

❖ **Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Grant (New Grant 2026)**

Application period opens July 1, 2025

- PPE Grant Policy
- FY-2026 PPE Grant Application

❖ **Aid to Localities (ATL)**

- FY-2026 Audit Sheet and Disbursement Agreement
- FY-2025 Annual Report
- FY-2026 Allocations
- FY-2026 Disbursement Schedule

❖ **Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program**

- Live Fire Structure Grant Application

❖ **Regional Fire Services Training Grants Program**

Application period opens July 1, 2025

- Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Grants Application

❖ **VFIRS Hardware Grants Program**

- Letter from VDFP Information and Statistics Manager
- VFIRS Application

❖ **Conference and Education Assistance Grants Program**

****Application period Closes July 1, 2025****

- Conference and Education Grant Application

❖ **Mini Grant Program (Reinstated Grant 2025)**

**** Application period will be set according to funding availability****

- Mini Grant Policy
- Mini Grant Application

SPECIAL NOTIFICATIONS OF FUNDING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Grant

This grant program aims to enhance fire departments' capabilities by reducing their financial burdens. Priority will be given to localities (cities and counties) that score above average on the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Fiscal Stress Index and are classified as double-distressed by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP). For the FY2026 grant cycle, funding will focus on first-time Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). The Virginia Fire Services Board will determine grant amounts based on need, with a maximum of \$100,000 per jurisdiction.

Aid to Localities Entitlement (ATL) Program

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to permanently increase to the minimum ATL allocations for Towns, Cities, and Counties at the Board meeting in June 2022. The minimum ATL allocations for Towns is \$15,000; and Counties and Cities are \$30,000. ATL allocations are calculated based upon the most current US Population Census which was conducted in 2020. 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

The program provides for the construction, renovation, or repair of burn buildings in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Regional Fire Services Training Facilities (RFSTF) Grant Program

The Program is designed to provide grants to Virginia localities for the acquisition of training props to be utilized as regional fire services training facilities per the NFPA 1001 and 1403 training standards. Funding will be awarded at 50% of the proposed project. The locality will have to contribute the remaining 50%. The application period is July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025. The Program Policy and related documents can be found on our website under the <https://www.vafire.com/grants-and-local-aid/regional-fire-services-training-grant-program/>

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/>

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. FY26 Application period closes July 1st. The Program will be evaluated as competitive. FY2026 awards will be made based in funding availability and the project performance period will be determine upon award.

Mini-Grant Grant Program

The purpose of this grant program is to enhance fire department's capabilities by lessening their economic burden. Individual Mini-Grant award amounts shall be decided by the Virginia Fire Services Board based upon need. The maximum allowable amount of any Mini-Grant shall be \$30,000 per jurisdiction annually.

Please note that the application postmark deadline for the Regional Fire Service Training Grant and the VFIRS Hardware Grant is August 31, 2025.

Also note that the FY-2025 Annual Reports **will not** be accepted prior to July 1, 2025.

All program forms are available on our website at www.vafire.com.

If you have questions about the documents and forms or need additional assistance, do not hesitate to contact me at 804-249-1954 or via email at Deshaun.Steele@vdfp.virginia.gov.

Respectfully,

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