2016 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) GRANT APPLICATION

Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
PL95-313 SECTION

SECTION 1: Fire Department Information

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2016

Fire Department ID# (5 digit) ☐ ○ Non-Profit ○ Gov't Entity ○ Tribal Org ○ Other

Name of Fire Department

Mailing Address (Line 1)

Physical Address (Line 2)

City State Zip Code County

What **Town** is your firehouse located in?

The population of your fire district is:

Are you a **new** Fire Department organized within the past 12 months? ○ Yes ○ No

Are there any Native American Indian Communities within your fire district? ○ Yes ○ No

The I.S.O. Fire Protection Insurance Rating of your jurisdiction is:

If the name of your jurisdiction in the I.S.O. listing is not the same as the name of your fire department, indicate the name of the jurisdiction below:

SECTION 2: Contact Information

Salutation First Name Last Name Suffix

Phone Number Fax Number Email Address

SECTION 3: Project Information:

Describe Project and Impact on Fire Departments Total Protection Plan: NOTE: Only costs incurred after January 1, 2016 can be used for this year's grant.

SECTION 3: Project Information (continued):

Please list equipment and cost below: **NOTE: VFA Grant funding CANNOT be applied to any single item costing $5,000 or more.**

Enter the total amount of financial assistance requested*: _____

*NOTE: At least 50% of the cost of your grant project must be available from other sources.

SECTION 4: Certification of Eligibility

NOTE: A single community fire department serving a population greater than 10,000 AND NOT providing protection to a rural area or rural community is NOT ELIGIBLE for VFA financial assistance.

Please select the choice that represents your fire department's eligibility:

○ A. ○ B. ○ C. ○ D.

A. A single fire department serving a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 or less is eligible. (per latest census)

B. Area fire departments (fire districts, townships, etc.) may serve an aggregate population of greater than10,000 as long as the service area of the fire department includes a rural area or rural community having a population of 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used to benefit the rural population.

C. A single county or town with a population of over 10,000 that is served by two or more fire districts operating entirely within the bounds of the county or town may qualify as long as the service area of a given fire department includes a rural area or rural community or the population of the fire department's jurisdiction is 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used for the rural area.

D. A single community with a population greater than 10,000 and having a single fire department with one or more fire stations may qualify. The fire dept must have a service area that includes a rural area or community that does not exceed 10,000 populations. The VFA funding must be used only for the benefit of the rural population. Similarly a single community with population greater than 10,000 that also provides fire protection to an adjoining rural community of 10,000 or less population by contract may also be eligible provided the VFA funding is used entirely to support the rural community.

☐ **By checking this box, I certify that all information provided is accurate and the above-named fire department is eligible for grant assistance. I attest that, based on my personal knowledge, the above information is accurate and true. I acknowledge that pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Section 3-0301(2)(q), any false statements made herein are punishable in accordance to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Code.**

Certifying Applicant (signature / print name) _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Email to: Save & Attach Application to **vfagrant@dec.ny.gov**

OR

Mail to: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Forest Protection
625 Broadway - 3rd Floor
Albany, NY 12233-2560

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