

Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant Program Fact Sheet 2009

1. State Grant Program under the 1997 Wisconsin Act 27. Federal grant dollars are also added when available.
2. 50/50 cost share: 50% FFP grant, 50% fire organization monies.
3. **Fire Departments** with signed forest fire suppression agreements with the DNR are eligible to apply. **County associations** are eligible if a majority of their fire department members serve DNR organized fire protection areas.
4. Can purchase only wildland fire equipment in the following categories listed in priority order:
 - a) personal protective clothing and equipment
 - b) forest fire training
 - c) forest fire prevention projects
 - d) forest fire suppression equipment
 - e) dry hydrants
 - f) communication equipment
 - g) mapping, rural numbering, GPS
 - h) off road vehicles primarily used on forest fire
including ATVs, RTVs, UTVs suitable for fire suppression
(limited to individual fire departments)

Significant changes to the eligible/ineligible list should be noted

5. Maximum grant award for fire departments \$10,000 cost share (\$20,000 project proposal). Maximum grant award for county association \$25,000 cost share (\$50,000 project proposal).

Minimum grant award for fire departments \$750 cost share (\$1,500 project proposal). Minimum grant award for a county association \$5,000 cost share (\$10,000 project proposal).

6. Application information will be mailed to fire departments and county associations statewide in May. Applications are available on the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire/firedept.html>

2009 Application deadline July 1, 2009.

7. Grant awardees will be notified in early October 2009.
8. Grants must be completed by April 15, 2010.
9. The probability of receiving a grant is dependent upon quality of application, number of applications and amount of funding.
10. Anticipated funding level = **\$440,000.**