


Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant Program - Fact Sheet 2011

Application Deadline: July 1, 2011

1. State Grant Program under the 1997 Wisconsin Act 27; federal grant dollars are also added.
2. Reimbursement grant program: **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**: (Be sure to review this year's list of eligible & ineligible purchases)
 - a) personal protective clothing and equipment
 - b) forest fire training
 - c) forest fire prevention & wildland urban interface projects
 - d) forest fire suppression equipment
 -  e) **radio reprogramming**
 - f) communication equipment
 - g) dry hydrants
 - h) mapping, GPS
 - i) off road vehicles primarily used on forest fire including ATVs, RTVs & UTVs suitable for fire suppression (limited to individual fire departments)
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 (postcard) mailed to fire departments and county associations statewide in May. A fillable, printable application and guidance are available on the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire/firedept.html>
7. Applications must be postmarked on or before **July 1, 2011**.
8. Grant awardees will be notified in early October 2011.
9. Grants must be completed by strictly enforced deadline of April 15, 2012.
10. The probability of receiving a grant is dependent upon quality of application, number of applications and amount of funding.