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DIVISION OF FORESTRY

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Dear Volunteer Fire Department,

Thank you for applying for the 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance grants. A total of 30 fire departments applied for a Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant. 29 of the 30 applications will receive some level of funding at this time. One department is unreviewed and still to be determined. A total of \$228,845.01 will be awarded to the current 29 departments.

The enclosed spreadsheet lists all applicants and amount requested. If a fire department was awarded a grant, the amount awarded will be listed in the column titled in red "Amount Awarded". Some VFDs will receive a partial award.

Successful applicants for VFA grants will soon receive their check from their local Forestry office.

- Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issuance. ***This year it strongly advised checks be cashed upon receipt or by June 30th at the latest.*** The state is moving to a new accounting system on July 1, 2015 and it is unclear how smooth the transition will go.
- To be eligible for the 2016 VFA grants compliance documentation, such as copies of receipts for 2015 grant expenditures, must be submitted at the time of or prior to submitting a 2016 application to your nearest Forestry office..
- Volunteer Fire Assistance is an award of Federal Financial Assistance with funding from the USDA Forest Service and as such is subject to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments; OMB Circular A-102 (Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local governments) as implemented by USDA regulation 7 CFR Part 3016 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments); and OMB Circular A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations) as implemented by USDA regulation 7 CFR 3052. The OMB Circulars are available on the internet at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants. Electronic copies of the CFR's can be obtained at the following internet site: www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/. If you are unable to retrieve these regulations electronically, please contact Arlene Weber-Sword at (907)269-8471.

If an application was not fully successful do not be discouraged and continue to apply every year by submitting a complete application package by deadline.

The local Division of Forestry offices will be sending out VFA award checks with a letter outlining compliance requirements sometime in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Arlene Weber-Sword.

Arlene Weber-Sword
Fire Staff Officer

Enclosure

2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance Awards
5/12/2015

Fire Department	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Division of Forestry Office
Chena Goldstream VFD	\$7,279.79	\$7,279.79	Fairbanks
Ester VFD	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	Fairbanks
Steese Area VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Fairbanks
Salcha VFD	\$9,965.00	\$2,578.50	Fairbanks
Anchor Point VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Kenai- Kodiak
City of Kenai FD	\$8,499.00	\$8,499.00	Kenai- Kodiak
Kachemack Emergency Services	\$8,766.00	\$8,766.00	Kenai- Kodiak
Nikiski FD	\$9,305.10	\$9,305.10	Kenai- Kodiak
Ninilchick VFD	\$8,748.00	\$8,748.00	Kenai- Kodiak
Seldovia VFD	\$4,095.00	\$4,095.00	Kenai- Kodiak
Seward, City of FD	\$6,170.10	\$6,170.10	Kenai- Kodiak
Butte VFD	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	Mat Su
Caswell VFD	\$9,831.22	\$9,831.22	Mat Su
Houston VFD	\$8,249.71	\$8,249.71	Mat Su
Palmer Fire & Rescue	\$9,769.72	\$10,000.00	Mat Su
West Lakes VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Mat Su
Willow VFD	\$9,990.00	\$9,990.00	Mat Su
Klehini Valley VFD	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	N Southeast
Skagway VFD	\$6,303.79	\$6,303.79	N Southeast
Sitka VFD	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	N Southeast
Klawock VFD	\$10,000.00	\$9,321.58	S Southeast
Bethel VFD	\$9,147.60	\$9,147.60	Southwest Area
Dillingham VFD	\$8,931.60	\$8,931.60	Southwest Area
McGrath VFD	\$7,938.77	\$7,938.77	Southwest Area
Port Alsworth VFD	\$8,851.50	\$8,851.50	Southwest Area
Northway VFD	\$9,900.00	Still to be determined	Tok
Tok VFD	\$5,832.69	\$5,832.69	Tok
Kennicott/McCarthy VFD	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	Valdez-Copper River
Strelina VFD	\$9,018.36	\$9,018.36	Valdez-Copper River
Galena VFD	\$1,896.70	\$1,896.70	Anchorage
GRAND TOTAL	\$246,579.65	\$228,845.01	