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To State of Alaska Fire Departments:

Thank you for applying for the 2026 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) grants, formerly known as VFA. Thirty-three (33) fire departments applied, and all applications were funded. Thirty-three (33) Alaska Fire Departments will receive up to \$10,000 per fire department. A total of \$297,910.32 will be awarded. This is the letter of official notification.

The enclosed spreadsheet lists all applicants and the amount requested/amount awarded. If a fire department is awarded a grant, the amount awarded will be listed in the "Amount Awarded" column. Please contact your respective DOF Fire Management Officer (FMO) with any questions you may have.

Checks will be distributed electronically using the VFD's SOA vendor number and in accordance with the SOA electronic payment agreement. Electronic disbursements are expected by, or before, April 2026.

To be eligible for a 2026 VFC grant, compliance documentation, such as copies of receipts for 2025 grant expenditures, must be submitted electronically through the OLAS portal, or in coordination with the DOF local Fire Management Officers (FMOs).

Volunteer Fire Capacity is an award of Federal Financial Assistance with funding from the USDA Forest Service. Prime and sub-recipients to this award are subject to OMB guidance in sub-parts A through F of 2 CFR Part 200 as adapted and supplemented by the USDA in 2 CFR Part 400. Adoption by USDA of the OMB guidance in 2 CFR 400 gives regulatory effect to OMB guidance in 2 CFR 200 where full text may be found.

The brochure, "Complying with Civil Rights", FS-850, can be found at:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd610492.pdf

•The OMB Circulars are available on the internet at www.ecfr.gov

Applicants are encouraged to reapply annually by submitting applications and compliance documentation by the specified grant deadline.

Sincerely,

Sarah Saarloos, Fire Staff Officer

State of Alaska, DNR

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

2026 VFA Grant Awards

Fire Department	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Division of Forestry Office
Delta Junction VFD	\$8,111.81	\$8,111.81	Delta Area Office
Rural Deltana VFD	\$9,999.90	\$9,999.90	Delta Area Office
Chena-Goldstream Fire & Rescue	\$8,969.84	\$8,969.84	Fairbanks Area Office
Ester VFD	\$9,999.43	\$9,999.43	Fairbanks Area Office
McKinley VFD	\$9,990.00	\$4,740.00	Fairbanks Area Office
North Pole FD	\$9,985.66	\$9,985.66	Fairbanks Area Office
North Star VFD	\$9,999.99	\$9,999.99	Fairbanks Area Office
Steese Area VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Fairbanks Area Office
Tri-Valley VFD	\$9,976.58	\$9,976.58	Fairbanks Area Office
Bear Creek Fire/EMS Department	\$9,191.00	\$9,191.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Cooper Landing VFD	\$9,957.02	\$9,957.02	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Homer VFD	\$8,585.14	\$8,585.13	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Kachemak Emergency Services	\$9,376.83	\$9,376.83	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Kenai FD	\$8,602.97	\$8,602.97	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Lowell Point VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Nikiski FD	\$8,669.00	\$8,669.00	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Seward FD	\$8,200.95	\$8,200.95	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Western Emergency Services Area	\$9,989.97	\$9,989.97	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Womens Bay VFD	\$4,849.21	\$4,849.21	Kenai Kodiak Area Office
Girdwood Vol. Fire & Rescue, Inc.	\$9,992.50	\$9,992.50	Mat Su Area
Sutton VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Mat Su Area
Talkeetna VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Mat Su Area
Willow-Caswell FD	\$8,792.55	\$8,792.55	Mat Su Area
Haines VFD	\$9,990.00	\$9,990.00	Southeast Alaska
Aleknagik Fire & EMS Dept.	\$2,943.16	\$2,943.16	Southwest District
Native Village of Eagle	\$9,990.00	\$9,990.00	State of Alaska Protection
Tok VFD	\$8,996.50	\$8,996.50	Tok Area Office
Cordova VFD	\$8,205.39	\$8,205.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Gakona VFD	\$9,996.75	\$9,996.75	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
GlennRich Fire Rescue	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kennicott/McCarthy VFD	\$9,898.56	\$9,898.56	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Kenny Lake VFD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
Valdez FD	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	Valdez-Copper River Area Office
GRAND TOTAL	\$303,160.71	\$297,910.31	