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Dear Volunteer Fire Department,

Thank you for applying for the 2019 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants. Forty-three fire departments applied for a VFA grant requesting a total of \$282,603.54 in assistance. Forty-one of the 43 VFDs will receive some level of funding. A total of \$224,999.19 was awarded. This letter is the official notification.

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 "Amount Awarded". Some VFDs will not receive an award this year and some will receive a partial award. If a VFD did not receive any funding or will be receiving a partial award, please contact your respective DOF Fire Management Officer for specifics.

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

- Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issuance. It is strongly advised that checks be cashed upon receipt.
- To be eligible for a 2020 VFA grant, compliance documentation, such as copies of receipts for 2019 grant expenditures, must be submitted to your nearest Forestry office at the time of, or prior to, submitting a 2020 application.
- Volunteer Fire Assistance 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. Adaption by USDS 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 OMB Circulars are available on the internet at www.ecfr.gov. 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 online application package by the 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arlene W. Sword".

Arlene Weber Sword

Fire Staff Officer