

**Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the
following eight Apparatus & Equipment Grants from the Texas
A&M Forest Service - EXHIBIT 1**

Grant	Total maximum purchase price	Grant match %	County match
Water Tender - TFS Rural			
Volunteer Fire Department			
Assistance Program - Truck			
Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant (maximum 90% is \$275,000). Expires 12 months after approved by TFS.	\$ 305,550.00	\$ 274,995.00	\$ 30,555.00
Large Brush Truck - TFS			
Rural Volunteer Fire Department			
Assistance Program - Truck			
Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant (maximum 90% is \$250,000). Expires 12 months after approved by TFS.	\$ 277,775.00	\$ 249,997.50	\$ 27,777.50
Small Brush Truck - TFS			
Rural Volunteer Fire Department			
Assistance Program - Truck			
Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant (maximum 90% is \$150,000). Expires 12 months after approved by TFS.	\$ 166,665.00	\$ 149,998.50	\$ 16,666.50
Truck Chassis - TFS Rural			
Volunteer Fire Department			
Assistance Program - Truck			
Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant (maximum 90% is \$60,000). Expires 12 months after approved by TFS.	\$ 66,665.00	\$ 59,998.50	\$ 6,666.50
Slip-On Unit - TFS Rural			
Volunteer Fire Department			
Assistance Program - Slip-On			
Unit Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant (maximum 90% is \$30,000). Expires 12 months after approved by TFS.	\$ 33,333.00	\$ 29,999.70	\$ 3,333.30

Fire and Rescue

Equipment - TFS Rural

Volunteer Fire Department

Assistance Program - Fire and
Rescue Equipment Guidelines.

This is a 90/10 grant (maximum
90% is \$25,000) Expires 6
months after approved by TFS.

\$	27,777.00	\$	24,999.30	\$	2,777.70
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Personal Protective

Equipment - TFS Rural

Volunteer Fire Department

Assistance Program - Personal
Protective Equipment

Guidelines. This is a 90/10 grant
(maximum 90% is \$25,000)
Expires 6 months after approved
by TFS.

\$	27,777.00	\$	24,999.30	\$	2,777.70
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Training Aids - TFS Rural

Volunteer Fire Department

Assistance Program - Training
Aids Guidelines. This is a 100%

reimbursement grant (maximum
100% is \$10,000) Expires 6
months after approved by TFS.

\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	-
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Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the Helping Hands Program from the Texas A&M Forest Service through the Rural VFD Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 2

The Helping Hands Program facilitates the donation and dispersal of used fire/rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to fire departments in need of essential equipment.

Items (Used Equipment) that may become available through the Helping Hands Program (depending on donations) include, but not limited to: SCBAs/bottles, structural gear, fire hoses, nozzles, rescue tools, ladders, ventilation fans, and other items that are essential to the operation of a fire department.

Information regarding this program:

Q: Is there a limit on the amount of assistance that we may receive?

A: Yes. Applicants may be skipped if they have received \$10,000 or more in Helping Hands assistance during the previous 36 months.

Q: What types of equipment are available?

A: A wide array of PPE, fire & rescue equipment, and apparatus continually move through the program. Structural PPE and SCBAs are fairly common, while other items are limited.

Q: Why do the prices of bottles and air packs fluctuate from time to time?

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**Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the
Firefighter Insurance Grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service
through the Rural VFD Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 3**

The Rural VFD Insurance Program reimburses eligible fire departments for firefighter insurance.

Information regarding this program:

The program will reimburse 100% of the actual cost of eligible insurance coverage, up to a maximum of \$220 per fire department member covered.

Worker's Compensation: Provides medical expenses, lost wages, and rehabilitation costs to employees who are injured or become ill in the course and scope of their job. Also pays death benefits to families of employees who are killed on the job.

Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program Grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service through the Rural VFD Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 4

The VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program provides vehicle liability insurance to eligible volunteer fire departments at a greatly reduced cost.

Information regarding this program:

The VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program provides vehicle liability insurance to eligible volunteer fire departments at a greatly reduced cost.

Any non-profit VFD operated by its members is eligible and all motor vehicles in the fire department's fleet are eligible, except ambulances. Vehicles must have a current Texas registration, license plate and vehicle inspection sticker. Authorized drivers must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.

The insured VFD must agree to implement and comply with a risk management and loss prevention program. Texas A&M Forest Service may inspect the VFD's vehicles and records and reserves the right to refuse coverage for drivers with poor safety records. Safe driving and favorable claims experiences help to keep premiums low year after year.

Coverage - Bodily Injury	Coverage - Property Damage
\$100,000 per person	\$100,000
\$300,000 maximum per occurrence	\$100,000 maximum per occurrence

The premium charge is **\$75 per vehicle per year**

Number of Armstrong County Fire Trucks to go on this program:

13	\$	75.00	\$	975.00
Estimated cost with TAC insurance				\$ 1,500.00
Savings				\$ 525.00

Information regarding this program:

Q: Does the program offer full coverage?

A: No. The program provides liability insurance only.

Q: Do we have to be approved for this program?

A: No. Any VFD operated by its members on a not-for-profit basis is eligible to participate.

Q: Who is allowed to drive the vehicle, under Risk Pool?

A: Only fire department members who are listed on the insurance can drive and be covered under Risk Pool.

**Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the Burn Ban
Flags from the Texas A&M Forest Service through the Rural VFD
Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 5**

We offer burn ban flags in the hopes that they become a recognizable image to the public, a signal to stop outdoor burning and begin conserving water. They are for sale on a nonprofit basis.

Information regarding this program:

The Texas A&M Forest Service has offered these flags for many years, in hopes that they become a recognizable image to the public, a signal to stop outdoor burning and begin conserving water. They are for sale on a nonprofit basis.

When we experience extended periods of hot, dry, windy weather, counties implement bans on outdoor burning as a wildfire prevention tool. To support this prevention effort, TFS posts a list of counties with burning ban on the TFS website.

The Flags are approximately 3' X 5' and have two grommets for easy flying. The cost is \$45 per flag (Price includes shipping)

Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the Training Grants from the Texas A&M Forest Service through the Rural VFD Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 6

Training tuition reimbursement grants are available to eligible departments through the Rural VFD Assistance Program and the TIFMAS Grants Program.

Information regarding this program:

Training tuition reimbursement grants are available to eligible departments through the Rural VFD Assistance Program.

Reimburses 100% of the actual cost

Not to exceed \$140 per day

Not to exceed \$700 per trainee per school

Annual training tuition maximum of \$15,000 per department

Armstrong County Fire Department - Request to apply for the Federal Equipment from the Texas A&M Forest Service through the Rural VFD Assistance Program - EXHIBIT 7

The Department of Defense Firefighter Property (FFP) Program and the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program provide excess military property to emergency service providers.

Information regarding this program:

The U.S. Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program provides excess DoD military property to emergency service providers. Ownership of the equipment is passed from the federal government to the recipient. Statewide enrollment is now open

Vehicle Types:

Panel (box) vans
2.5 ton 6x6 trucks
5 ton 6x6 trucks
Haul trucks (5th wheel)

Rare items are occasionally available:

Tank trucks
1 ton and 1.25 ton 4x4s
Municipal fire trucks

Due to the high demand for vehicles and the limited resources of Texas A&M Forest Service to acquire them there is not a standing inventory.

Slip-on Unit Grants

Departments that receive a 2.5-ton cargo, 5-ton cargo or a tractor style DoD FFP truck on or after Sept. 1, 2015 may be eligible for a slip-on unit grant to assist in converting the truck into a fire apparatus. The FFP Slip-On Unit program element reimbursement rate is set at 100 percent of the actual cost not to exceed \$30,000 in grant assistance (with or without CAFS). Receiving fire departments are responsible for other conversion costs required to bring the unit into service, which will serve as the department's in-kind contribution.

Q: What is available?

A: Vehicles available through the FFP program are similar to the vehicles that have been used in the FEPP program. This includes: 1 ton and 1.25 ton pick-up trucks, panel (box) vans, 2.5 ton trucks, 5 ton trucks, haul trucks (5th wheel). Tanker trucks may also be available. Specialized vehicles such as municipal fire trucks may occasionally be available. The most commonly available vehicle type at this time is the 2.5 ton cargo truck, 5 ton cargo truck, and Tractor (5th wheel) truck.

Q: How long does it take to get an FFP vehicle?

A: There are many factors

Q: Will I get to own the FEPP vehicle already assigned to my department?

A: No. Property acquired under the FEPP program has different rules than the FFP program. FEPP

Q: How long do we have to keep the FFP vehicle?

A: FFP vehicles must be kept in-service by the department for at least one year. After one year the department may do what they wish with the vehicle. Exceptions to one year in-service would be a mechanical failure, a car accident or another type of catastrophic loss of the vehicle which would have to be documented and reported back to Texas A&M Forest Service.

Q: What does 'put in service' mean?

A: To 'put in service' a FFP vehicle must be able to serve its emergency response function. If it is intended to be used on wildfires it should have a water tank and a functional pump. If it is intended for rescue or rehab it should have rescue or rehab equipment on board. 'In service' does not include having emergency lighting, radio and siren.

Q: Are FEPP and FFP the same thing?

A: No. FEPP is a separate program.

Q: Will FEPP equipment be grandfathered into the FFP program?

A: No. FEPP items were acquired under different federal rules/regulations than those of the FFP program.

Q: If I received an FFP slip-on unit, does that affect me receiving a grant through the Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)?

A: Yes. If you have received more than \$10,000 in assistance in the current year, you may be passed over and will be eligible again in 12 months. FFP slip-on unit grants do not, however, affect truck or

Q: What does DoD-FFP stand for?

A: Department of Defense-Firefighter Property Program. The program was created by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the USDA-Forest Service and the Department of Defense and managed by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).