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Dear Cooperator,

The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands are soliciting applications for the 2016 Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant. This collaborative effort combines several federal and state assistance programs into one user-friendly program in order to assist the fire departments of Utah in improving their fire protection capabilities. Grant funds can be used to provide fire training, purchase equipment, fund fire prevention programs. However, because of changes at the national level, there are some limitations this year on the types of equipment available for purchase with these funds. This year there is particular emphasis on training, PPE, communication equipment, fire apparatus/equipment and fire prevention.

This grant is an excellent financial resource to help meet the requirements of Title 65 A-8. As of June 2006, county fire departments responding to wildland fires will need to meet minimum training and certification standards in order for the county to be eligible to enter into cooperative agreements with the state. A priority of this grant is to assist with the cost of training to meet these requirements.

All fire service organizations except industrial, state and federal fire departments are eligible for assistance under this program regardless of size or location.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Your fire department's members must be certified or your department must have a training plan to certify all fire personnel to at least Structural Fire Fighter I and/or Wildland Fire Fighter I.
2. All applications will be verified for NFIRS compliance. For further assistance contact the State Fire Marshall Office. **Non-compliance will nullify the grant request.**
3. **The Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant is a 100% matching grant.** The applicants must be able to provide the required match to cover the value of the requested items/projects. All resources are eligible for the applicant's matching portion. This includes hard dollars and in-kind services (sweat equity).



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4. Applications must be for the enhancement of fire prevention, fire protection services, equipment and/or training. Ambulances, paramedic training, EMT training, etc. are not within the scope of this program.
5. The grant funds must be spent and documentation submitted by November 30, 2016. Grant money not spent by this date will be reallocated to other fire service organizations.

The grant application is available online. You can download a copy at <http://ffsl.utah.gov/index.php/grant-programs/fire-department-grants>

The priorities for this year are outlined in the guidelines which are also available for download at the same site. There have been some changes in the program so read these guidelines before filling out the application. Again, there is particular focus in the areas of training, PPE, fire apparatus/equipment, communication equipment, and fire prevention.

You will need to download the application and save it to your computer. You may fill it out and return it electronically or by conventional mail. If you cannot download the application and would like one mailed to you, call Ben Huntsman at 801-538-5413 and one will be mailed to you.

Completed applications need to be returned to our office by **April 22, 2016**. Applications that are received after this date will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified by June 09, 2016. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your local Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands Area Fire Management Officer, representatives of the State of Utah Fire Marshal's Office or the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

Sincerely,



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