

# Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application



Montana Department of Natural Resources  
and Conservation  
Fire Protection Bureau



**Application Deadline: May 18, 2024**

This application shall be completed by the County Fire Warden, Chairperson of the Rural Fire Council or Rural Fire Department, Authorized Representative. All responses subject to verification

Organization Information					
What is the OFFICIAL Name of the Organization <b>Yellowstone County Fire Council</b>					
Address <b>PO Box 35004</b>			Tax ID # <b>81-6001449</b>	Active Registered UEI # <b>071404941</b>	
City <b>Billings</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59107</b>	County <b>Yellowstone</b>	Website <a href="http://www.yellowstonecountymt.gov/des">www.yellowstonecountymt.gov/des</a>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;"><b>New</b></div> <div>Insurance Coverage Company <b>PayneWest Insurance</b></div> </div>					
Project Manager - Name <b>KC Williams</b>			Project Manager - Title <b>DES Director &amp; County Fire Warden</b>		
Project Manager - Phone <b>406-256-2776</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-208-0506</b>		
Project Manager - Email Address <b>kwilliams@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>					
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;"><b>New</b></div> <div> <p>Authorized Representative</p> <p>The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.</p> <p>DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.</p> </div> </div>					
Authorized Representative - Name <b>John Ostlund</b>			Authorized Representative - Title <b>BOCC Chair &amp; County Fire Chief</b>		
Authorized Representative - Phone <b>406-256-2701</b>			Secondary Phone		
Authorized Representative Address <b>PO Box 35000, Billings, MT 59107</b>			Authorized Representative - Email <b>jostlund@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>		
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Annemarie Overcast</b>			Title <b>DES Coordinator</b>		
Primary Phone <b>406-256-2775</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-672-5829</b>		
Email Address <b>aovercast@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>					

### County and Fire Department Information

Are all fire service organizations contained within this application, organized, funded, and operated under Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 33?

Yes  No

Please list the community's serviced by this application:

Per 2020 Census:

Ballantine - 346  
 Broadview - 139  
 Custer - 145  
 Huntley - 411  
 Lockwood - 6797  
 Pompey's Pillar - 193  
 Shepherd - 507  
 Worden - 506

Is the County/Fire Department reporting all wildland fire occurrences on State or Private land to the local DNRC office?

Yes  No

Does the County /Fire Department have an active Rural Fire Council or Chiefs Meeting? **6 times annually**

Yes  No

How often does the organization meet?

When was the County CWPP last updated (including a wildfire update to the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan)?

**2006 (currently being updated)**

Has the County identified and mapped the Wildland Urban Interface?

Yes  No

### Fire Departments Participating and Requesting Funds Under This Application

Fire Department Name	FDID	Individual Project Cost Estimates (From Appendix A)	Appendix A and Appendix B Completed and Attached?
Fuego Volunteer Fire Company	03040	12,352.50	Yes
Haley Bench VFD	03071	29,599.85	Yes
Shepherd VFD	03031	10,245.00	Yes
Worden VFD	03100	5,650.00	Yes
County-Wide/Fire Department Estimated Total Project Costs\$		57,847.35	

Appendix A and Appendix B form must be included for each Department listed on this application.

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- I have reviewed this application in its entirety and the answers are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have completed a detailed description and price quotes for the funds being requested.
- All fire organizations requesting funding have completed an **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** form and it has been included in this application package.
- The VFC grant is reimbursable. This means the fire department must pay the entire invoice for items purchased before submitting paperwork for reimbursement. Federal guidelines prohibit payment to the fire department without proof of the fire department expending funds on awarded items.
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SIGNATURES I hereby authorize the proposal for funding submitted for this Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant. I certify that, based on my personal knowledge, the information provided is accurate and true.

Project Manager

Signature:  Date: 5-8-24

Print Name: K.C. Williams

Title: DES Director & Fire Warden

Email: kwilliams@yellowstonecounty.mt.gov

Authorized Representative

The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: John Ostlund

Title: BOCC Chairperson & County Fire Chief

Email: jostlund@yellowstonecountymt.gov

**For DNRC Use**  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization Information				
What is the OFFICIAL Name of the Organization <b>Fuego Volunteer Fire Company</b>				
Address <b>7150 US HWY 3</b>			Tax ID # <b>81-0471334</b>	Active Registered UEI # <b>U9VZMBMM1061</b>
City <b>Billings</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59105</b>	County <b>Yellowstone</b>	Website <b>N/A</b>
<span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">New</span>	Insurance Coverage Company <b>PayneWest Insurance</b>			
Project Manager - Name <b>Colin Sturgill</b>			Project Manager - Title <b>Fuego Fire Chief</b>	
Project Manager - Phone <b>406-606-2089</b>			Secondary Phone <b>N/A</b>	
Project Manager - Email Address <b>fvfctraining@gmail.com</b>				
<span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px;">New</span>	<p>Authorized Representative</p> <p>The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.</p> <p>DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.</p>			
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Authorized Representative - Phone <b>406-256-2701</b>			Secondary Phone	
Authorized Representative Address <b>PO Box 35000, Billings, MT 59107</b>			Authorized Representative - Email <b>jostlund@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>	
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Colin Sturgill</b>			Title <b>Fuego Fire Chief</b>	
Primary Phone <b>406-606-2088</b>			Secondary Phone <b>N/A</b>	
Email Address <b>fvfctraining@gmail.com</b>				

### County and Fire Department Information

Are all fire service organizations contained within this application, organized, funded, and operated under Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 33?

Yes  No

Please list the community's serviced by this application:

Fuego FSA, Acton, Yellowstone County

Is the County/Fire Department reporting all wildland fire occurrences on State or Private land to the local DNRC office?

Yes  No

Does the County /Fire Department have an active Rural Fire Council or Chiefs Meeting? Every two months

Yes  No

How often does the organization meet?

When was the County CWPP last updated (including a wildfire update to the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan)?

**2007**

Has the County identified and mapped the Wildland Urban Interface?

Yes  No

### Fire Departments Participating and Requesting Funds Under This Application

Fire Department Name	FDID	Individual Project Cost Estimates (From Appendix A)	Appendix A and Appendix B Completed and Attached?
Fuego Volunteer Fire Company	03040	12,352.50	Yes
County-Wide/Fire Department Estimated Total Project Costs\$			

Appendix A and Appendix B form must be included for each Department listed on this application.

# Rural Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix A

**Application Deadline: May 18, 2024**

To be completed by any organization requesting RFC funds and attached to main application

**Due to the USDA Forest Service purchase requirements and five-year monitoring process, the cost of a single item may not exceed \$4999.00 total**

Fire Department Name Fuego VFC

Contact Name Colin Sturgill

Phone 406-606-2089

Email fvfctraining@gmail.com

Category	Eligible Cost-Share Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Fire Equipment and Handtools</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	5 gal. Backpack Bladder Bags			
	Fire Rake / Collapsible Fire Rake			
	Fire Swatter / Fire Broom			
	(Hand tool) Shovel / McLeod/ Pulaski Tool			
	Chain Saws and Basic Saw Accessories			
	Fire Belt Weather Kit / Kestrel Weather Meters			
	Fusees / Drip Torch			
	GPS Units			
	Other (Fill in Item)			
Total \$				
<b>Wildland Personal Protective Equipment</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	Nomex Shirts			
	Nomex Pants			
	Nomex Coveralls / Brush Coats			
	Nomex Neck Shrouds			
	Goggles / Safety Glasses (wildland fire safe)			
	Gloves (wildland fire safe)			
	Helmets: (wildland fire safe)			
	Headlamps (wildland fire safe)			
	Safety Equipment / Safety Vest / Earplugs			
	Chain Saw Chaps			
	Fire Packs / Web Gear			
	Radio Harness			
	New Generation Fire Shelters			
	Training Shelters			
Gear Bags				
Other (Fill in Item)				
Total \$				
<b>Communications Equipment</b>	Base Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Handheld/Programmable Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>	<b>5</b>	5	9055.00
	Mobile Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>	<b>1</b>	1	2872.50
	Pagers			
	Batteries (for radios)			
	Other <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i> (Fill in Item)			<b>425.00</b>
Total \$				12,352.5



## Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application

### Appendix B

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Fire Department Information						
Fire Dept. ID (FDID) <b>03040</b>	Fire Department Name <b>Fuego Volunteer Fire Company</b>					
Fire Department Mailing Address <b>7150 US HWY 3</b>						
City <b>Billings</b>	State <b>Mt</b>	Zip <b>59105</b>	FD Phone <b>406-606-2089</b>	FD Website <b>Na</b>		
Fire Chief Name <b>Colin Sturgill</b>		Primary Phone <b>406-606-2089</b>		Secondary Phone <b>Na</b>		
Email <b>fvfctraining@gmail.com</b>						
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Colin Sturgill</b>			Primary Phone <b>406-606-2089</b>		Secondary Phone <b>Na</b>	
Email <b>fvfctraining@gmail.com</b>						
Population Served <b>Unknown</b>	Annual Operating Budget <b>33,000</b>	Funding Mechanisms <i>Tax / Fee / Donation / Other</i>		Number of Stations <b>1</b>	ISO Rating <b>Na</b>	
Fire Response Information						
<i>Please list response statistics from the previous calendar year</i>						
# of Wildland Fires <b>8</b>	# of Structure Fires <b>1</b>	EMS Calls <b>10</b>		Other <b>Vehicle fire -1</b>	Mutual Aid Responses <b>21</b>	
Does the Fire Department report all fires to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) as required by Montana Law (MCA 7-33-2201)?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Is the Fire Department reporting all <b>wildland</b> fires to their County Firewarden and/or local DNRC Office?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Personnel Information						
Total Department Personnel <b>11</b>	Paid Staff <b>0</b>	Part Paid/Combo Staff <b>0</b>		Volunteer Staff <b>11</b>	Auxiliary/Other Staff <b>0</b>	
Is the Fire Department National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliant?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Equipment Information						
Wildland Engines <b>3</b>	Structure Apparatus <b>1</b>	Water Tenders <b>1</b>	Command/Utility <b>1</b>	Other	Mobile (Vehicle) Radios <b>6</b>	Portable Radios <b>11</b>

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SIGNATURES I hereby authorize the proposal for funding submitted for this Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant. I certify that, based on my personal knowledge, the information provided is accurate and true.

Project Manager Colin Sturgill  
Signature: Colin Sturgill Date: 04/22/2024  
Print Name: Colin Sturgill  
Title: Fuego Fire Chief  
Email: fvfctraining@gmail.com

Authorized Representative

The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents. DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization Information				
What is the OFFICIAL Name of the Organization <b>Haley Bench VFD</b>				
Address <b>2055 Squaw Creek Road</b>			Tax ID #	Active Registered UEI #
City <b>Huntley</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59037</b>	County <b>Yellowstone</b>	Website
<b>New</b>	Insurance Coverage Company <b>Rocky Mountain Insurance Services (VFIS)</b>			
Project Manager - Name <b>Christy Gerdes</b>			Project Manager - Title <b>Haley Bench Secretary/Treasurer</b>	
Project Manager - Phone <b>406-855-2479</b>			Secondary Phone	
Project Manager - Email Address <b>bugs2001rn@yahoo.com</b>				
<b>New</b>	<p>Authorized Representative</p> <p>The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.</p> <p>DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.</p>			
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Authorized Representative - Phone <b>406-256-2701</b>			Secondary Phone	
Authorized Representative Address <b>PO Box 35000, Billings, MT 59107</b>			Authorized Representative - Email <b>jostlund@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>	
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Christy Gerdes</b>			Title <b>Haley Bench Secretary/Treasurer</b>	
Primary Phone <b>406-860-7142</b>			Secondary Phone	
Email Address <b>bugs2001rn@yahoo.com</b>				

### County and Fire Department Information

Are all fire service organizations contained within this application, organized, funded, and operated under Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 33?

Yes  No

Please list the community's serviced by this application:

Haley Bench and Yellowstone County Mutual Aid

Is the County/Fire Department reporting all wildland fire occurrences on State or Private land to the local DNRC office?

Yes  No

Does the County /Fire Department have an active Rural Fire Council or Chiefs Meeting? 6 times per year

Yes  No

How often does the organization meet?

When was the County CWPP last updated (including a wildfire update to the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan)?

2006 (currently being updated)

Has the County identified and mapped the Wildland Urban Interface?

Yes  No

### Fire Departments Participating and Requesting Funds Under This Application

Fire Department Name	FDID	Individual Project Cost Estimates (From Appendix A)	Appendix A and Appendix B Completed and Attached?
Haley Bench VFD	03071	29,599.85	Yes
County-Wide/Fire Department Estimated Total Project Costs\$		29,599.85	

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# Rural Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix A

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**Due to the USDA Forest Service purchase requirements and five-year monitoring process, the cost of a single item may not exceed \$4999.00 total**

Fire Department Name Haley Bench VFD

Contact Name Rance Gerdes

Phone 406-860-7142

Email rgerdes57@gmail.com

Category	Eligible Cost-Share Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Fire Equipment and Handtools</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	5 gal. Backpack Bladder Bags			
	Fire Rake / Collapsible Fire Rake			
	Fire Swatter / Fire Broom			
	(Hand tool) Shovel / McLeod/ Pulaski Tool	10	113.95	1139.50
	Chain Saws and Basic Saw Accessories			
	Fire Belt Weather Kit / Kestrel Weather Meters			
	Fusees / Drip Torch			
	GPS Units			
	Other (Fill in Item)			
<b>Total \$</b>				1139.50
<b>Wildland Personal Protective Equipment</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	Nomex Shirts	10	177.5	1775.00
	Nomex Pants	15	237.00	3555.00
	Nomex Coveralls / Brush Coats			
	Nomex Neck Shrouds			
	Goggles / Safety Glasses (wildland fire safe)	10	43.95	439.50
	Gloves (wildland fire safe)			
	Helmets: (wildland fire safe)	10	59.75	597.50
	Headlamps (wildland fire safe)	15	108.99	1634.85
	Safety Equipment / Safety Vest / Earplugs			
	Chain Saw Chaps			
	Fire Packs / Web Gear			
	Radio Harness			
	New Generation Fire Shelters	8	605.00	4840.00
	Training Shelters			
	Gear Bags			
Other (Fill in Item)				
<b>Total \$</b>				12841.85
<b>Communications Equipment</b>	Base Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>	2	1700.00	3400.00
	Handheld/Programmable Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Mobile Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Pagers			
	Batteries (for radios)			
	Other <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i> (Fill in Item)			
<b>Total \$</b>				3400.00



# Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix B

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Fire Department Information						
Fire Dept. ID (FDID) 03071	Fire Department Name Haley Bench VFD					
Fire Department Mailing Address 2055 Squaw Creek Road						
City Huntley	State MT	Zip 59037	FD Phone	FD Website		
Fire Chief Name Rance Gerdes			Primary Phone 406-860-7142		Secondary Phone	
Email rgerdes57@gmail.com						
Name of Person Completing Application Christy Gerdes			Primary Phone 406-855-2479		Secondary Phone	
Email bugs2001rn@yahoo.com						
Population Served <b>100</b>	Annual Operating Budget 14000	Funding Mechanisms <i>Tax / Fee / Donation / Other</i>		Number of Stations	ISO Rating	
Fire Response Information						
<i>Please list response statistics from the previous calendar year</i>						
# of Wildland Fires <b>14</b>	# of Structure Fires	EMS Calls		Other	Mutual Aid Responses <b>3</b>	
Does the Fire Department report all fires to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) as required by Montana Law (MCA 7-33-2201)?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Is the Fire Department reporting all <b>wildland</b> fires to their County Firewarden and/or local DNRC Office?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Personnel Information						
Total Department Personnel 30	Paid Staff <b>0</b>	Part Paid/Combo Staff <b>0</b>		Volunteer Staff <b>30</b>	Auxiliary/Other Staff	
Is the Fire Department National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliant?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Equipment Information						
Wildland Engines <b>6</b>	Structure Apparatus	Water Tenders 1	Command/Utility	Other	Mobile (Vehicle) Radios <b>5</b>	Portable Radios 7

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Project Manager

Signature: Christy Gerdes Date: 5/8/24

Print Name: Christy Gerdes

Title: Haley Bench Secretary/Treasurer

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address <b>PO Box 1</b>			Tax ID # <b>81-0303623</b>	Active Registered UEI # <b>KNCNNMGNY9F8</b>
City <b>Shepherd</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59079</b>	County <b>Yellowstone</b>	Website
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Project Manager - Name <b>Philip Ehlers</b>			Project Manager - Title <b>Shepherd Fire Chief</b>	
Project Manager - Phone <b>406-373-9005</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-671-5113</b>	
Project Manager - Email Address <b>svfdchief01@gmail.com</b>				
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; margin-right: 10px;"><b>New</b></div> <div> <p>Authorized Representative</p> <p>The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.</p> <p>DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.</p> </div> </div>				
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Primary Phone <b>406-373-9005</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-671-5113</b>	
Email Address <b>svfdchief01@gmail.com</b>				



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Yes  No

Please list the community's serviced by this application:

Shepherd

Is the County/Fire Department reporting all wildland fire occurrences on State or Private land to the local DNRC office?

Yes  No

Does the County /Fire Department have an active Rural Fire Council or Chiefs Meeting? Bi-monthly

Yes  No

How often does the organization meet?

When was the County CWPP last updated (including a wildfire update to the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan)?

2006 (currently being updated)

Has the County identified and mapped the Wildland Urban Interface?

Yes  No

### Fire Departments Participating and Requesting Funds Under This Application

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Fire Department Name Shepherd Volunteer Fire Dept  
 Contact Name Philip Ehlers, Chief Phone 406-671-5113  
 Email svfdchief01@gmail.com

Category	Eligible Cost-Share Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Fire Equipment and Handtools</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	5 gal. Backpack Bladder Bags			
	Fire Rake / Collapsible Fire Rake			
	Fire Swatter / Fire Broom			
	(Hand tool) Shovel / McLeod/ Pulaski Tool			
	Chain Saws and Basic Saw Accessories			
	Fire Belt Weather Kit / Kestrel Weather Meters	1	\$225	\$225
	Fusees / Drip Torch			
	GPS Units	1	\$400	\$400
	Other (Fill in Item)			
			Total \$	\$625
<b>Wildland Personal Protective Equipment</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	Nomex Shirts			
	Nomex Pants	\$500	\$500	\$2,500
	Nomex Coveralls / Brush Coats			
	Nomex Neck Shrouds			
	Goggles / Safety Glasses (wildland fire safe)			
	Gloves (wildland fire safe)			
	Helmets: (wildland fire safe)			
	Headlamps (wildland fire safe)			
	Safety Equipment / Safety Vest / Earplugs			
	Chain Saw Chaps			
	Fire Packs / Web Gear			
	Radio Harness			
	New Generation Fire Shelters	<b>\$ 675</b>	\$ 675	\$2,720
	Training Shelters			
Gear Bags				
Other (Fill in Item)				
			Total \$	\$5,220
<b>Communications Equipment</b>	Base Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>	<del>\$1,100</del>	\$1,100	\$4,400
	Handheld/Programmable Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Mobile Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Pagers			
	Batteries (for radios)			
	Other <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i> (Fill in Item)			
			Total \$	\$4,400

Category	Eligible Cost-Share Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Water Handling Equipment</b>	Slide-In Fire Units			
	Foam Units, Foam Mixers and/or Foam			
	Portable Tanks			
	Portable Pumps			
	Hoses, Not to Exceed 3" Diameter			
	Hose Reel			
	Nozzles and Fittings			
	Other (Fill in Item)			
Total \$				
<b>Fire Training</b>				
Total \$				
<b>Organization and Planning</b>				
Total \$				
<b>Community Preparedness</b>	FireWise Community Education and Outreach			
	Fuels Mitigation Equipment			
Total \$				
<b>Totals</b>	In-Kind Donation/Match (Time/Labor Calculated at \$26.48/hour)			
<b>Total Project Cost \$</b>				<b>\$10,245</b>

<b>Grant Request Narrative</b>
<p>Briefly describe the need for RFC grant assistance and how it will benefit this department:</p> <p><u>With the increase of our call volume and with equipment reaching expiration dates,</u>  <u>the replacement costs have been steadily increasing. With the funds received we will be able to replace</u>  <u>items and purchase more for our increasing number of volunteers.</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

# Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix B

Application Deadline: May 18, 2024

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Fire Department Information						
Fire Dept. ID (FDID) <b>03031</b>	Fire Department Name <b>Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department</b>					
Fire Department Mailing Address <b>P.O. Box 1</b>						
City <b>Shepherd</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59079</b>	FD Phone <b>406 373-9005</b>	FD Website		
Fire Chief Name <b>Philip Ehlers</b>		Primary Phone <b>406 671-5113</b>		Secondary Phone		
Email <b>svfdchief01@gmail.com</b>						
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Philip Ehlers</b>			Primary Phone <b>406 671-5113</b>		Secondary Phone	
Email <b>svfdchief01@gmail.com</b>						
Population Served <b>6600</b>	Annual Operating Budget <b>\$185,000</b>	Funding Mechanisms <i>Tax / Fee / Donation / Other</i>	Number of Stations <b>2</b>	ISO Rating <b>6/9</b>		
Fire Response Information						
<i>Please list response statistics from the previous calendar year</i>						
# of Wildland Fires <b>28</b>	# of Structure Fires <b>11</b>	EMS Calls <b>196</b>	Other <b>80</b>	Mutual Aid Responses <b>50</b>		
Does the Fire Department report all fires to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) as required by Montana Law (MCA 7-33-2201)?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Is the Fire Department reporting all <b>wildland</b> fires to their County Firewarden and/or local DNRC Office?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Personnel Information						
Total Department Personnel <b>52</b>	Paid Staff <b>2</b>	Part Paid/Combo Staff	Volunteer Staff <b>50</b>	Auxiliary/Other Staff		
Is the Fire Department National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliant?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Equipment Information						
Wildland Engines <b>6</b>	Structure Apparatus <b>3</b>	Water Tenders <b>4</b>	Command/Utility <b>2</b>	Other <b>3</b>	Mobile (Vehicle) Radios <b>16</b>	Portable Radios <b>50</b>

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- I have completed a detailed description and price quotes for the funds being requested.
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- The VFC grant is reimbursable. This means the fire department must pay the entire invoice for items purchased before submitting paperwork for reimbursement. Federal guidelines prohibit payment to the fire department without proof of the fire department expending funds on awarded items.
- I understand the deadline for reimbursement is **May 1, 2025**.
- If there is a change in leadership, all criteria and deadlines remain in place.
- Purchases must match the application request, Appendix A, otherwise the department will not be reimbursed.
- I understand that I cannot put in for items to be reimbursed unless the purchase date is after the date on the award.

SIGNATURES I hereby authorize the proposal for funding submitted for this Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant. I certify that, based on my personal knowledge, the information provided is accurate and true.

Project Manager

Signature: Philip Ehlers Date: 29 Apr 24

Print Name: Philip Ehlers

Title: Shepherd VFD Chief

Email: svfdchief01@gmail.com

Authorized Representative

The Authorized Representative is the person who has legal authority to enter into an agreement with DNRC and will sign any agreement documents.

DNRC utilizes the DocuSign electronic signature service for agreement execution. The Authorized Representative will receive any agreement for signature at the email address provided.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**For DNRC Use**  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application



Montana Department of Natural Resources  
and Conservation  
Fire Protection Bureau



**Application Deadline: May 18, 2024**

This application shall be completed by the County Fire Warden, Chairperson of the Rural Fire Council or Rural Fire Department, Authorized Representative. All responses subject to verification

Organization Information				
What is the OFFICIAL Name of the Organization <b>Worden Fire Dept</b>				
Address <b>PO Box 369</b>			Tax ID # <b>237050486</b>	Active Registered UEI #
City <b>WORDEN</b>	State <b>MT</b>	Zip <b>59088</b>	County <b>YELLOWSTONE</b>	Website
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;"><b>New</b></div> <div>Insurance Coverage Company <b>VFIS</b></div> </div>				
Project Manager - Name <b>Lance Taylor</b>			Project Manager - Title <b>Worden Fire Chief</b>	
Project Manager - Phone <b>406-967-2111</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-698-0494</b>	
Project Manager - Email Address <b>ltaylor@feiinc.com</b>				
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Authorized Representative - Name <b>John Ostlund</b>			Authorized Representative - Title <b>BOCC Chair &amp; County Fire Chief</b>	
Authorized Representative - Phone <b>406-256-2701</b>			Secondary Phone	
Authorized Representative Address <b>PO Box 35000, Billings, MT 59107</b>			Authorized Representative - Email <b>jostlund@yellowstonecountymt.gov</b>	
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Lance Taylor</b>			Title <b>Worden Fire Chief</b>	
Primary Phone <b>406-697-2111</b>			Secondary Phone <b>406-698-0494</b>	
Email Address <b>ltaylor@feiinc.com</b>				

### County and Fire Department Information

Are all fire service organizations contained within this application, organized, funded, and operated under Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 33?

Yes  No

Please list the community's serviced by this application:

WFD covers the communities of Huntley, Worden, Ballantine and Pompies Pillar. Approx 361,731 acres in Eastern Yellowstone county. From the Musselshell County line to the North to Big Horn County in the South.

Is the County/Fire Department reporting all wildland fire occurrences on State or Private land to the local DNRC office?

Yes  No

Does the County /Fire Department have an active Rural Fire Council or Chiefs Meeting?

Yes  No

How often does the organization meet?

When was the County CWPP last updated (including a wildfire update to the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan)?

Has the County identified and mapped the Wildland Urban Interface?

Yes  No

### Fire Departments Participating and Requesting Funds Under This Application

Fire Department Name	FDID	Individual Project Cost Estimates (From Appendix A)	Appendix A and Appendix B Completed and Attached?
Worden Fire Department	03100	5,650.00	Yes
County-Wide/Fire Department Estimated Total Project Costs\$		5,650.00	

Appendix A and Appendix B form must be included for each Department listed on this application.

# Rural Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix A

**Application Deadline: May 18, 2024**

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**Due to the USDA Forest Service purchase requirements and five-year monitoring process, the cost of a single item may not exceed \$4999.00 total**

Fire Department Name Worden Fire Dept  
 Contact Name Lance Taylor Phone 406-967-2111  
 Email ltaylor@feiinc.com

Category	Eligible Cost-Share Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Fire Equipment and Handtools</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	5 gal. Backpack Bladder Bags			
	Fire Rake / Collapsible Fire Rake			
	Fire Swatter / Fire Broom			
	(Hand tool) Shovel / McLeod/ Pulaski Tool			
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	Fire Belt Weather Kit / Kestrel Weather Meters			
	Fusees / Drip Torch			
	GPS Units			
	Other (Fill in Item)			
<b>Total \$</b>				
<b>Wildland Personal Protective Equipment</b>	<i>(Please clearly circle items to be purchased)</i>			
	Nomex Shirts			
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	Nomex Coveralls / Brush Coats			
	Nomex Neck Shrouds			
	Goggles / Safety Glasses (wildland fire safe)			
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	Helmets: (wildland fire safe)			
	Headlamps (wildland fire safe)			
	Safety Equipment / Safety Vest / Earplugs			
	Chain Saw Chaps			
	Fire Packs / Web Gear			
	Radio Harness			
	New Generation Fire Shelters	<b>10</b>	10	5650.00
	Training Shelters			
Gear Bags				
Other (Fill in Item)				
<b>Total \$</b>				5650.00
<b>Communications Equipment</b>	Base Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Handheld/Programmable Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Mobile Radios <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i>			
	Pagers			
	Batteries (for radios)			
	Other <i>(Must be P25 Compliant)</i> (Fill in Item)			
<b>Total \$</b>				





# Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application

## Appendix B

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Fire Department Information						
Fire Dept. ID (FDID) <b>03100</b>	Fire Department Name <b>Worden Fire Dept</b>					
Fire Department Mailing Address <b>Po Box 369</b>						
City <b>Worden</b>	State <b>Mt</b>	Zip <b>59088</b>	FD Phone <b>406-967-211</b>	FD Website		
Fire Chief Name <b>Lance Taylor</b>		Primary Phone <b>406-967-2111</b>		Secondary Phone <b>406-698-0494</b>		
Email <b>ltaylor@feiinc.com</b>						
Name of Person Completing Application <b>Lance Taylor</b>			Primary Phone <b>406-967-2111</b>		Secondary Phone <b>406-698-0494</b>	
Email <b>ltaylor@feiinc.com</b>						
Population Served <b>6-7k</b>	Annual Operating Budget <b>120,000</b>	Funding Mechanisms <i>Tax / Fee / Donation / Other</i>		Number of Stations <b>3</b>	ISO Rating <b>5</b>	
Fire Response Information						
<i>Please list response statistics from the previous calendar year</i>						
# of Wildland Fires <b>53</b>	# of Structure Fires <b>17</b>	EMS Calls <b>168</b>		Other <b>58</b>	Mutual Aid Responses <b>7</b>	
Does the Fire Department report all fires to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) as required by Montana Law (MCA 7-33-2201)?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Is the Fire Department reporting all <b>wildland</b> fires to their County Firewarden and/or local DNRC Office?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Personnel Information						
Total Department Personnel <b>26</b>	Paid Staff <b>0</b>	Part Paid/Combo Staff <b>0</b>		Volunteer Staff <b>26</b>	Auxiliary/Other Staff <b>1</b>	
Is the Fire Department National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliant?						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes						
<input type="checkbox"/> No						
Department Equipment Information						
Wildland Engines <b>5</b>	Structure Apparatus <b>3</b>	Water Tenders <b>4</b>	Command/Utility <b>0</b>	Other <b>4</b>	Mobile (Vehicle) Radios	Portable Radios <b>23</b>

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