



## 2020 VFA Phase 2 Scoring Criteria

USFS direction for VFA funding provides states with flexibility in determining grant award criteria. The criteria used for 2020 is similar to criteria used since 2016. The scoring criteria used to prioritize applications for 2020 funding is explained below. A panel of DNR Region and Division staff review the applications to confirm eligibility and scoring. The DNR Wildfire Division Manager approves final grant awards.

### Eligibility (required)

- Respond to wildland fire on private, state, or federal lands, and
- Provide service to:
  - a rural area or a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less, or
  - a community with a population greater than 10,000 that includes service to a rural community of 10,000 or less (funding must be used to benefit the rural community)
  - grant funds must benefit the rural area or rural community

Note: Recipients of a Phase 2 grant last year are not considered for funding until all other applicants have been funded.

### Previous VFA Funding

- Scoring is weighted with intent to “share grant assistance” from year to year by providing more points to fire districts based on the time since they last received VFA grant funding (only Phase 2 funding is considered). Does not include Phase 1 or other Fire District Assistance programs that benefit districts (i.e. state grant funding, DNR surplus engine transfers, et.al.). Districts that received a Phase 2 grant last year are only considered for funding after all other districts have been funded.
  - > 3 years 4 pts
  - 3 years ago 3 pts
  - 2 years ago 1 pts
  - Last year 0 pts

### Agreement Type

- Scoring gives more weight to districts that have joint jurisdiction/mutual aid with DNR (assumption is funding then benefits DNR as well), and with federal agencies (since funding is federal). DNR Forest Land Response Agreements (FLRA) address mutual aid with DNR.
  - DNR Forest Land Response Agreement and Federal mutual aid agreement 3 pts
  - DNR Forest Land Response Agreement only 2 pts
  - Federal mutual aid agreement only 1 pts
  - None 0 pts

### % Volunteer

- Scoring is weighted with intent to meet USFS direction that VFA funding should target fire districts that have an 80% or greater volunteer staff but allowing participation by fire districts that do not.
  - 100% 5 pts
  - 80-99% 4 pts
  - 60-79% 2 pts
  - <60% 0 pts

## Fire Operating Budget

- Scoring is weighted to favor “low budget” districts. Makes a general assumption that low budget districts have a greater need for assistance.
  - ≤30,000 4 pts
  - 30,000 – 75,000 3 pts
  - 75,000 – 125,000 2 pts
  - 125,000 - 200,000 1 pts
  - > 200,00 0 pts

## FAP Core Areas (see map on page 3)

- VFA funding comes to DNR through a grant agreement with the USFS. The grant includes funding for several other programs (i.e. fire preparedness, forest health, forest nursery, stewardship forestry, urban forestry). All states receiving this annual funding are required to develop a “Forest Action Plan (FAP)” that provides a strategy for spending the grant funds in priority areas determined by the state. DNR’s FAP identifies “Core Areas” representing generally the state’s high fire areas. The strategy says we will target 60% of the funding over a 5-year period in the Core Areas. The remaining 40% may be utilized in areas outside the Core Areas.
- The intent of the FAP scoring is two-fold. 1) It shows we are including the FAP strategy in prioritization of where VFA funding is spent, and 2) the Core Areas provide a high level view of where fire danger is highest in proximity to DNR protection and USFS ownership.
- Districts receive the FAP score if any portion of their boundary intersects with a Core Area
  - Fuels Core Area 2 pts
  - Forest Health Core Area 1 pts
  - None 0 pts

## Project Type

- Intent is to provide priority to equipment, especially for districts utilizing the Firefighter Property (FFP) program to obtain cost effective equipment.
  - FFP vehicle refurbishment 3 pts
  - Non FFP vehicle refurbishment 2 pts
  - Fire Equipment – non vehicle 2 pts
  - Communications 2 pts
  - Dry Hydrant 2 pts
  - Training, Fire Prevention 1 pts

## FEPP Replacement

- Intent is to provide districts an incentive to replace old and aging Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment. Also benefits DNR by reducing the current FEPP inventory workload.
  - Yes 1 pts
  - No 0 pts

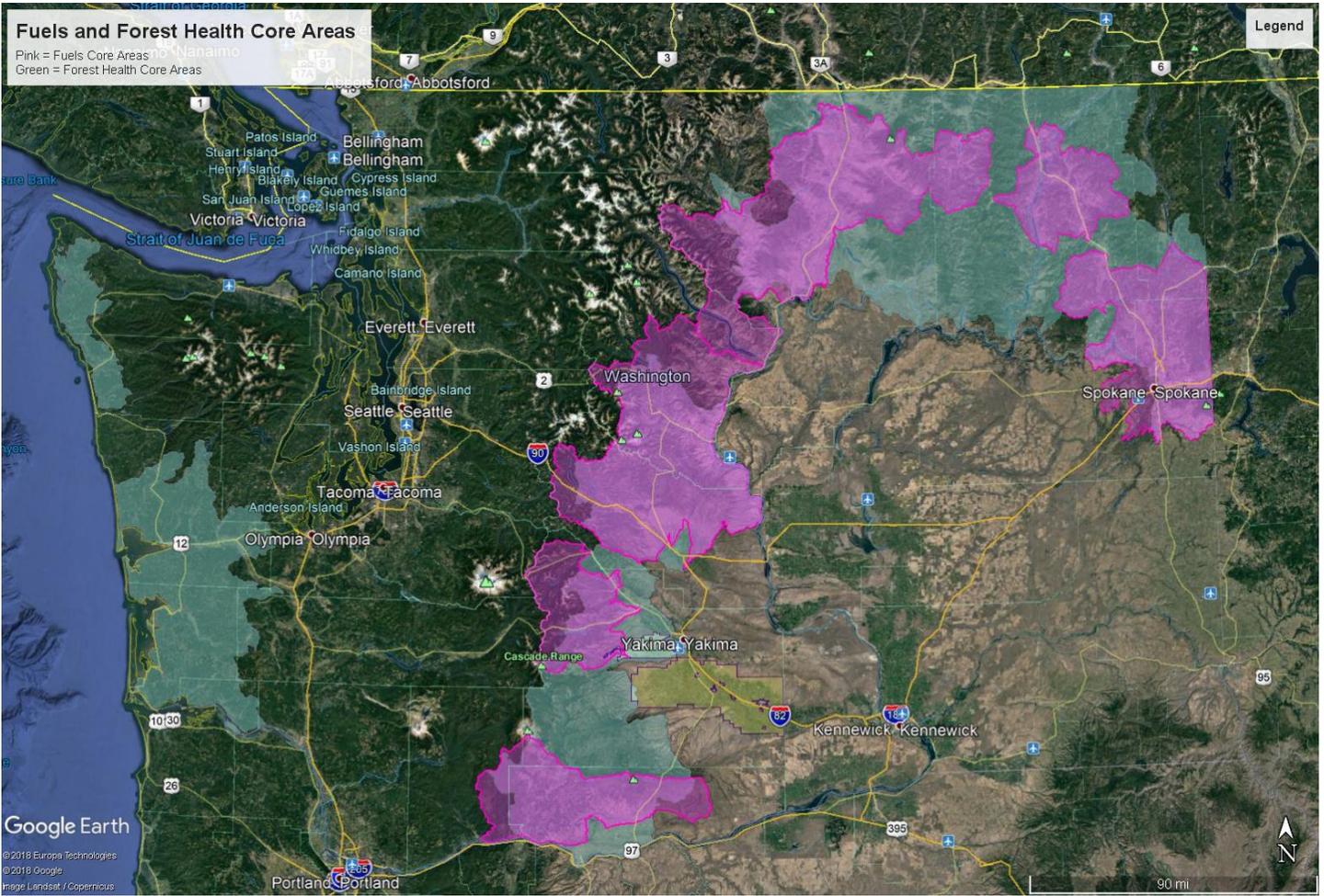
## Average Annual Wildfire Responses

- Used as a tie breaker for applications with the same score.

# Fuels and Forest Health Core Areas

Pink = Fuels Core Areas  
Green = Forest Health Core Areas

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**Table 1**  
**2020 VFA Phase 2 Grant Scoring and Award (\$347,521 available funding)**

Applicant	Score	Avg. Annual Wildfire Responses	Grant \$	Project
		(tie breaker)	Awarded	
Klickitat 15	20		12,000.00	Convert FFP M1083 vehicle to tender
Okanogan 07	18		5,000.50	Purchase used tender
Okanogan 04	18		12,000.00	Convert FFP M-1078 to tactical tender
Spokane 11	17		7,385.26	Portable water tanks, fire hose
Okanogan 10	16		1,609.24	Outfit DNR surplus engine
Yakima 12	15		2,319.00	Outfit DNR surplus engine
Ferry-Stevens 03&08	15		10,700.00	Pump, foam inductors, generator wiring, repeater, remote nozzle
Chelan 03	15		12,000.00	Radios
Walla Walla 08	14		3,309.47	Pumps, wireless headset system
Lincoln 05	14		5,985.00	Hose, fittings and tools to upgrade brush engines
Lewis 01	14		2,050.00	Hose cart, hose washer, hose winder
Kalispel Tribal FD	14		12,000.00	Convert vehicle to T-6 engine
Connell FD	13		12,000.00	Radios, generator
Pend Oreille 04	13		12,000.00	Purchase command vehicle
Whitman 14	13		6,000.00	T-6 slip in unit
Mason 18	13		5,548.74	Outfit DNR surplus engine
Whatcom 14	12		8,570.40	Refurbish T-6 engine
Mason 06	12		12,000.00	Purchase F-350 & convert to T-6 engine
Snohomish 21	12		11,991.00	Convert vehicle to brush engine
Benton 01	11		10,137.05	Radios
Chelan 01	11		6,018.23	Outfit Helitak crew
Riverside Fire Authority	11		11,500.40	Outfit brush engines
Franklin 03	11		12,000.00	Radios
W Thurston RFA	11		6,376.82	Outfit brush engines
Franklin 05	11		10,000.00	Lift kit and tires for T-6 engines
Douglas 04	11		5,410.74	T-6 slip in unit and chainsaws
Franklin 02	11		12,000.00	3 monitors, tank extension, engine plumbing repair
Columbia 03	10		4,500.00	Outfit brush engines
Snohomish 17	10		11,461.35	T-6 slip in unit
North County RFA	8		3,671.60	Outfit T-5 engine
Chelan 06 **	14		11,783.77	Radios
Stevens 11 **	14		6,480.00	Outfit brush engines
Stevens 10 **	13		6,000.00	Radio repeater
Skagit 14 **	13		5,253.64	Radios
Stevens 05 **	12		2,810.00	Monitor for tender.
Chelan 07 **	12		11,650.00	Convert M-1083 to T-3 brush engine
Okanogan 06 **	11	55	9,300.75	Radios

<b>Table 1 - continued</b>				
Douglas 05 **	11	30	Not Funded	Monitor, lights for FFP M1083 vehicle
Pend Oreille 02 **	10		Not Funded	Purchase UTV and convert to engine
Whatcom 16 **	9		Not Funded	Purchase pickup for conversion to T-6 engine
Yakima 05 **	8		Not Funded	Slip in units for brush engines
South Beach RFA **	8		Not Funded	Slip in unit to convert FFP M-1078
Spokane 08 **	7		Not Funded	Radios
N Mason RFA **	6		Not Funded	Hose and fittings
Thurston 13 **	6		Not Funded	Reader message board
<b>Totals</b>			<b>300,822.96</b>	
<b>** District received a grant last year</b>				