Washington State Department of Natural Resources
2023 HB1168 Computer Grant Requirements

Introduction

Washington State HB1168 funds the 2023 Computer Grant and the objective of the computer grant is to add and/or increase computers, monitors, printers and/or other technology within rural and volunteer Fire Departments/Districts. Fire Departments/Districts play a substantial cooperative role in the suppression of wildland fires within the State of Washington and provide protection to rural communities.

The Computer Grant is available to all Washington State Fire Districts/Fire Departments that meet the eligibility requirements listed below.

Available Funding

- The maximum grant award per fire District/Fire Department is **$4,000.**
- Fire Districts/Fire Departments may only submit one application.

Application Submittal

- The application period opens May 15, 2023.
- Application will be available on the DNR Fire District Assistance webpage.
- Applications must be received by DNR no later than June 30, 2023.
- Applications must be filled out completely, signed by an authorized fire district/fire department representative, and submitted in word or pdf format by one of the following methods:
  - Email: fepp_assist@dnr.wa.gov, or
  - If alternate options for submitting applications are needed, please contact Dan Boyle
    daniel.boyle@dnr.wa.gov
    cell 360-480-0490

Grant Award and Term

- Grants are intended to be awarded to successful applicants by July 31st, 2023.
- Projects must be completed and all receipts received by DNR no later than close of business July 31, 2024
- All non-spent funds must be returned to DNR no later than July 31, 2024.
- Extensions to the grant term may be allowed at the sole discretion of DNR.
- Properly documented project costs incurred after May 15, 2023 are eligible for reimbursement.
- Awards will be scored based on information provided in the application process.

Eligibility

Fire District/Fire Department Eligibility

Fire districts/fire departments in Washington State that:

- Respond to wildland fire on private, state, or federal lands
- 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
  - grant funds must benefit wildland fire within the rural area or rural community
  - Departments/Districts who have wildland fire responsibility within their jurisdiction.

Project Eligibility

The following projects are eligible:

- Computers and computer related accessories. (includes office type computer, vehicular mounted, radio programming or tracking computer type system)
- Computer software and/or hardware
- Printer and printer related accessories

Prioritization

DNR will consider the following when prioritizing grant applications for funding. Additional criteria may also be utilized:

- Fire district/fire department protection includes communities within priority areas identified in the Statewide Forest Action Plan
- Mutual aid response agreements with DNR
- Past DNR grant awards.
- Fire district/fire department fire operating budget
  - *Defined as budgeted allocations for wildland and structural firefighting. EMS services, other grant dollars, capital outlays and construction should not be included*
- Wildland fire response call volume
  - *Does not include structural, medical, or rescue*

Other Requirements

- All funds are state HB1168 and will be dispersed upon award.
- There is no match requirement by Districts/Departments.