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2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Announced

45 Volunteer Fire Departments in 17 Counties to Receive \$102,548 in Grant Funding

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service announced the 2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants to 45 volunteer fire departments across the state. The projects are to be funded in 17 Maryland counties to assist volunteer fire companies to enhance wildland fire protection in rural communities.

This year 66 Volunteer Fire Departments from 19 counties applied for funding assistance with \$512,256 in projects. The Maryland Forest Service awarded grant funds to 45 fire departments for \$102,548 in match funding to complete \$232,663 in total project cost. The maximum grant awarded was \$3,000 per department. The Federal Grant funds are provided by the USDA Forest Service.

2017 list of grant awards:

| 2017 VFA Grant Awards | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Volunteer Fire Department | County | Project Cost | Award |
| Barton Hose Co 1 | Allegany | \$6,149 | \$3,000 |
| Benedict VFDRS | Charles | \$5,820 | \$2,910 |
| Berwyn Heights VFD | Prince Georges | \$1,475 | \$725 |
| Betterton VFC | Kent | \$3,950 | \$1,975 |
| Bowmans Addition VFC | Allegany | \$1,320 | \$660 |
| Chestertown VFC | Kent | \$10,346 | \$3,000 |
| Church Creek VFC | Dorchester | \$5,975 | \$2,988 |
| Clear Spring VFC | Washington | \$6,000 | \$3,000 |
| Cobb Island VFD | Charles | \$6,450 | \$3,000 |
| Community Bowleys Quarters | Baltimore | \$12,289 | \$3,000 |
| Community Fairplay | Washington | \$4,406 | \$2,203 |
| Denton VFC | Caroline | \$6,990 | \$3,000 |
| District 16 VFD | Allegany | \$6,002 | \$3,000 |
| East New Market VFC | Dorchester | \$4,900 | \$2,450 |
| Eastern Garrett Co VFRD | Garrett | \$10,000 | \$3,000 |
| Eldorado Brookview VFC | Dorchester | \$4,752 | \$2,376 |
| Ellerslie VFC | Allegany | \$6,000 | \$3,000 |
| First Hose Co of Boonsboro | Washington | \$6,345 | \$3,000 |
| Galena VFC | Kent | \$2,060 | \$1,030 |
| Girdletree VFC | Worcester | \$7,000 | \$3,000 |
| Good Will VFC 1 | Allegany | \$7,095 | \$3,000 |
| Hancock FC | Allegany | \$10,995 | \$3,000 |



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| Harney VFD | Carroll | \$1,878 | \$939 |
| Hebron VFD | Wicomico | \$4,288 | \$2,144 |
| Hereford VFC | Baltimore | \$1,147 | \$573 |
| Jacksonville VFC | Baltimore | \$7,000 | \$3,000 |
| Kitzmilller VFD | Garrett | \$6,324 | \$3,000 |
| Lakes & Straits VFC | Dorchester | \$4,605 | \$2,302 |
| Leitersburg VFC | Washington | \$968 | \$484 |
| Liberty Road VFC | Baltimore | \$5,560 | \$2,780 |
| Marion VFD | Somerset | \$6,000 | \$3,000 |
| Mt. Savage VFD | Allegany | \$1,953 | \$976 |
| New Market VFC | Frederick | \$3,550 | \$1,775 |
| North East VFC | Cecil | \$2,750 | \$1,375 |
| Oldtown VFD | Allegany | \$6,300 | \$3,000 |
| Orleans VFC | Allegany | \$2,246 | \$1,123 |
| Oxford VFD | Talbot | \$8,215 | \$3,000 |
| Potomac Valley VFC | Washington | \$5,301 | \$2,651 |
| Secretary VFC | Dorchester | \$4,375 | \$2,188 |
| Shaft VFD | Allegany | \$5,940 | \$2,970 |
| Sharpsburg VFC | Washington | \$4,800 | \$2,400 |
| Tenth District VFD | Charles | \$1,481 | \$741 |
| Vienna VFC | Dorchester | \$2,619 | \$1,310 |
| White Marsh VFC | Baltimore | \$6,000 | \$3,000 |
| Whiteford VFC | Harford | \$3,044 | \$1,500 |
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| Total | | \$232,663 | \$102,548 |

| 2017 VFA Small Tool Awards | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Arbutus VFRD | Baltimore | 6 Rakes | |
| Bel Air VFC | Harford | 4 Rakes & 4 Bladder Bags | |
| Cresaptown VFC | Allegany | 4 Rakes & 4 Bladder Bags | |
| Huntingtown VFDRS | Calvert | 4 Rakes & 4 Bladder Bags | |
| Level VFC | Harford | 4 Bladder Bags | |
| Morningside VFD | Prince Georges | 4 Rakes | |
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| Total | | | \$2,684 |

Grand Total

\$105,232