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TO: Vermont Rural Fire Chiefs and Town Forest Fire Wardens
 FROM: Forest Resource Protection, Vermont Forests, Parks & Recreation
 DATE: September 25, 2018
 SUBJECT: Wildland Fire Gear Grants Available

The Volunteer Fire Assistance Program grant (or “50/50” grant), funded by the U.S. Forest Service, is available to rural towns in Vermont with a population of 10,000 or less. This year’s funding has recently been received and is now available. Towns order their equipment and pay 50% of the total cost, and the other 50% is paid for by the grant.

The purpose of this Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program grant is to provide financial assistance to equip fire departments in rural communities to prevent and suppress wildland fires.

An electronic order form is on the FPR Website: http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/fires/community_support. The electronic version will calculate totals for you, but still must be printed and mailed in with the check. **Town fire departments may choose from any of the items on the list - but are limited to only those items.** The available items include personal protective equipment and tools that are most often requested. Please contact us if you need assistance with the forms or if you have suggestions for additional items for next year.

To request equipment for your town, **please print the completed order form, along with a check for your 50% share of the cost (payable to “State of Vermont”), and send it to the address listed on the form.** Please submit your request and payment **no later than November 13th, 2018.** Order forms or payment received after November 13th will not be accepted.

Important: This letter and specialized order form are *only* for this once-a-year grant offer. The procedure for ordering equipment from the catalog throughout the rest of the year has not changed; towns will continue submitting regular orders with full payments through their district Forest Resource Protection staff.

This year’s timing of the grant will allow wildland fire equipment to be ordered and delivered before the spring fire season. Please double check the thread compatibility on all hoses, nozzles and reducers offered through this grant against what your department is currently using.

Items included in the grant are available to be viewed in the Wildland Fire Equipment 2018 Catalog from Defense Logistics Agency, posted on the FPR website: http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/fires/community_support. The pricing in this catalog is not updated so please only use the pricing shown on the order form.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Dan Dillner, by phone at 777-3079 or by e-mail at Dan.Dillner@vermont.gov, or Kim Partlow, by phone at 879-6565 or e-mail at Kim.Partlow@vermont.gov

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