



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY  
PROJECT PRIORITY INFORMATION**

Issued by authority of Part 515, Act 451, P.A. 1994 as amended.

The intent of the Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) program is to assist small, rural departments who have difficulty in financing their basic needs. The funds available for this year have yet to be determined.

Under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, funds are allocated for fire department use in three broad categories: training, organization, and equipment. Each state may establish its priorities within these categories based on the individual needs of the state.

In Michigan, training is available through the Fire Fighter's Training Council and the Department of Natural Resources at minimal expense to the fire department. Other courses obtained through community colleges and the University of Michigan fall within the VFA program.

Organization is a difficult category in which to substantiate direct cost to the fire department's development. Consequently, we have not considered organization as a specific grant category, but have directed the funds to equipment, feeling that equipment will be the first priority of a new department.

To be eligible, local fire departments shall be located in governmental units or fire protection districts with permanent populations of less than 10,000.

Fire equipment items such as those listed in the project priority guide on the back side of this page will be a major project funded. Please note that the program cannot fund buildings, vehicles, or used equipment, nor can it be used for operating expenses or maintenance.

**SUSPENDED AND DEBARRED PARTIES:** \*Sec. 301.35 Subawards to debarred and suspended parties. Grantees and subgrantees must not make any award or permit any award (subgrant or contract) as any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." List of debarred parties: <http://www.epls.gov>.

**PROJECT PRIORITY  
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<b>Major Category</b>		<b>Priority Points</b>
1.	Equipment	
	a. Personal Protective Equipment	
	Turnout gear (wildland fire or structural fire)	100
	Breathing apparatus	
	Self-contained unit	50
	Spare tanks	25
	County-wide refill system	50
	b. Small equipment items	100
	Class A foam generating equipment, pumps, tanks, hose, generators, etc.	
	c. Communications equipment	100
	Radios in which one channel is 154.295 MHz	
	Hand-held portables	
	Mobiles	
	Other radios	50
	Base stations	
	Alerting system:      New	
	Extension of system	
	d. Conversion of Excess Property Vehicles (pumps, tanks, hose, light/siren, plumbing, etc.)	100
	e. Prevention equipment and materials	100
2.	Dry hydrant	100
3.	Training	
	a. Certified Course	50
	Examples:   University of Michigan Courses	
	Community College Courses	
	National Schools	
	Instructor's Training Course	
	b. Manuals or materials	25
	Examples:   Manuals or materials required by a certified course	
	Guides to National Fire Protection Association regulations	