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## **Nevada Division of Forestry to provide over \$300,000 in grants to volunteer/rural fire departments for critical equipment and training**

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is pleased to announce that approximately \$300,000 in grants are now available for volunteer fire departments, or paid rural departments whose jurisdiction serves up to 10,000 people, across Nevada to help fund critical wildland firefighting equipment and training. Funded by the US Forest Service’s Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, volunteer/rural fire departments can use these funds to purchase wildland fire personal protective equipment, fire shelters, radios, hoses, and other advanced technologies and supplies. This essential grant program is designed to enhance rural wildfire management and response to help protect homes, families, and the natural environment.

“Volunteer/rural firefighters play a vital role in protecting Nevada’s rural and remote communities from wildland fires,” said Kacey KC, Nevada State Forester and Firewarden. “With the ever-growing threats and impacts of climate change statewide, coupled with unprecedented and catastrophic wildfires in recent years, it is essential to ensure that our volunteer/rural firefighters have the necessary resources, technologies, and training to best respond to wildfires and safeguard the communities they serve.”

Volunteer/rural fire departments are encouraged to submit an application online at [forestry.nv.gov/grants/](http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/). NDF is also requesting a prioritized list of each Department’s wildland fire training and wildland apparatus needs and requests for future funding opportunities. Applications must be received by the Nevada Division of Forestry no later than **5 p.m. July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. For more information, contact Nate Barrons at 775- 684-2511 or [nbarrons@forestry.nv.gov](mailto:nbarrons@forestry.nv.gov).

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