Special Announcement
Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)

New Grant Category - Volunteer Recruitment Resources

As of **February 1st, 2023**, a new grant category will be available through the Rural VFD Assistance Program. The Volunteer Recruitment Resources category is being added as a pilot project, aiming to help volunteer fire departments bolster staffing and enhance community fire protection.

This category is provided by Volunteer Fire Assistance (Federal) Funds, and therefore is available exclusively to departments that meet **all** of the following federal eligibility requirements:

- Department must serve a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 or less
- Certified by Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) as having adopted NIMS
- Department must not be debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible by any federal department or agency*
- 80% or more of department personnel must be volunteers

Upon award, grant recipients will receive an AD-1048 Certification Letter that must be completed and returned for final grant approval

Cost-Share Rate:

100% of the actual cost, not to exceed **$3,000** per department

Examples of Recruitment Resources

Allowed			Not Allowed	
Banners	Booth Signage	Promotional Items	Postage	Apparel
Billboards	Flyers/Door Hangers	Postcards/Mailouts	Lease/Rental	Media Advertisements

Not a conclusive list; Contact us with questions about other types of recruitment resources.
Resources must convey a call to action for the purpose of recruiting volunteers. Items branded with only the department name will not be approved.

Volunteer Recruitment Resources grants are provided on-demand on a first-come, first-served basis, pending available funds.

Application can be found at http://TexasFD.com/RuralVFDAssistanceProgram

Information on NIMS adoption can be found at https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/NIMSAdoption/

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