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LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) has announced the recipients of the 2016 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants. The VFA program, formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection Program, allows the NFS to award VFA funding for financial, technical, and other assistance to organize, train and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to suppress fires.

A total of 115 VFA grant applications were received in 2016, requesting more than \$440,000 in funds. Seventy-four projects will receive \$213,000 in funding from the grant, helping support over \$713,000 of projects and acquisitions around the state. Due to high demand, the maximum award was \$5,000 per application.

Awards will be utilized for department's priority requests such as personal protective equipment, prevention and communication gear. Nearly \$3.3 million has been awarded to 368 fire departments and partners around the state over the past 20 years.

Complete listing of recipients:

Abie VFD	Brule RFD
Ainsworth VFD	Brunswick VFD
Allen Waterbury VFD	Butler County Mutual Aid
Alliance Rural Fire Protection District	Clay Center VFD
Ainsworth VFD	Cordova VFD
Allen Waterbury VFD	Creighton VFD
Alliance Rural Fire Protection District	Dannebrog VFD
Atkinson Fire & Rescue	Dodge County Mutual Aid Association
Axtell Rural Fire District #4	East Central Nebraska Fire Prevention Co-op
Battle Creek Fire & Rescue	Edgar Fire and Rescue
Bayard VFD	Edison VFD
Belden VFD	Friend VFD
Bellwood VFD	Genoa VFD
Blair VFD	Gering Valley RFD
Broadwater RFD 4	Giltner RFD
Gordon VFD	Pickrell Fire and Rescue

Grant VFD
Guide Rock Fire & Rescue
Hampton VFD
Hershey VFD
Holdrege VFD
Holstein RFD
Imperial VFD
Kenesaw VFD
Loup County VFD
Malmo Rural Fire #3
Marquette VFD and Rescue
Mead RFD
Minatare/Melbeta VFD
Nebraska Firefighters Museum
Nebraska Society of Fire Service Instructors
Nehawka VFD
Nelson VFD
Newcastle VFD
Fire School - NSVFA (Nebraska State
Volunteer Firefighters Association)
Ord VFD
Phillips VFD

Pilger Fire & Rescue
Plattsmouth VFD
Ponca VFD
Primrose RFD
Randolph VFD
Red Cloud VFD
Rushville VFD
SFM - Training Division
Spalding RFD
Stanton VFD
Stuart Fire & Rescue
Swanton VFD
Upland Rural Fire District
Valparaiso VFD
Verdigre Fire and Rescue
Verdon VFD
Wilcox VFD
Winslow RFD
Wood Lake VFD

Wymore Rural VFD

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