

# Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative

## Rural Fire Department

### Fiscal year 2025

#### General Guidelines

**Purpose:** Provide assistance to rural fire departments located in VVEC's service area that do not receive municipal funding. The intended results will be improved rural fire protection infrastructure and reduced fire insurance costs for our Members.

#### *Eligible Activities:*

- Capital Improvements. Land purchases for expansion of existing departments and the establishments of new fire departments (land, buildings, equipment, etc.)
- Dry hydrants. The ISO certifies dry hydrants. The rural fire defense program coordinator for the applying department must approve the need for the dry hydrants.
- Equipment. Examples of equipment include vehicles (assigned to rural fires) tools, pumps, hoses, clothing, communications, etc.

#### *Eligible Criteria:*

- The proposed projects must be located within the VVEC service area.
- The proposed project must maintain or reduce ISO ratings and/or show other economic benefits to the residents of the community or contribute to the well-being of the community.
- Communities imposing strict boundary limits, which exclude rural residents, part of the community, or using strict subscription response systems will not be considered in this program.

#### *Selection Criteria:*

In addition to eligibility, applications are evaluated on the following:

- Needs Assessment
- Other funding
- Assessment of Financial Feasibility
- Program Narrative

#### *Grant Application Process:*

- Completed application is submitted & received by deadline of **Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.
- VVEC staff reviews application
- VVEC staff notifies fire department of application status (approval or denial)

**Applications should be mailed to:**  
Member Services  
Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative  
P. O. Box 219  
Collinsville, OK 74021

**Please direct all questions to:**  
Misti Frazier, [mfrazier@vvec.com](mailto:mfrazier@vvec.com)  
Phone # (800) 870-5948 or (918) 371-2584

**Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative  
Rural Fire Department Grant Application**

<b>1. Legal Applicant</b> _____	<b>2. Date</b> _____		
<b>Department Name:</b> _____			
<b>Department Mailing Address:</b> _____			
City:_____	County:_____	State: _____	Zip Code:_____
Sub-State Planning District:_____			
Federal Employer Identification Number:_____			
<b>3. Contact Person:</b> _____		Phone: _____	
Address:_____			

Please return application to:

**Attn: Misti Frazier  
VVEC Member Services  
P. O. Box 219  
Collinsville, OK 74021**

4. What is the **grant amount** of your fire department's application? \$\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the total area protected by your fire department (in sq. miles)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach a map of your fire district)
6. In your fire district, what is the number of each of the following?  
Residences \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Please Describe) \_\_\_\_\_
7. If approved, will this grant/project contribute to lowering your current ISO Public Protection Classification Rating? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What percent of your fire fighters are volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does your fire department provide services other than rural fire protection? (i.e., ambulance, emergency medical service, etc.) Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. List the equipment/materials and the cost of the items your fire department intends to purchase with the Rural Fire Department Assistance Grant money and explain how it will benefit your fire department or your community.  
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

- A. List the person (**name, address, phone number**) responsible for the following:
1. Filing Grant Forms: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Handling Invoices: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  3. Ordering Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT:** To the best of my knowledge and belief, the application is true and correct, the documents have been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant, and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the grant is approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Substrate Rural Fire Defense Program Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Preliminary approval to the grant applied for in the foregoing application is hereby given as follows:

**Total Grant Amount Approved:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Final approval is dependent upon the execution of satisfactory instruments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Manager, Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date