

Dear Applicant:

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, with the cooperation of the Alabama Forestry Commission, will once again provide a Wild Fire Prevention Grant for the year 2007.

The intent of this program is to assist Alabama volunteer fire departments, county associations or a combination of both to develop or continue a Wild Fire Prevention program in their county. We recommend your prevention program be developed based on these project areas:

Educational, Public Involvement, Public Information, Advertisement, Public Notice and Promotional Literature. Each of these categories has many options you can utilize for your grant program. The deadline for submitting your application to the AAVFD office must be post marked by July 20, 2007. The deadline for your final report is due no later than November 1, 2007.

Under the new Homeland Security regulations, any department receiving federal grant dollars must certify that the majority of its membership has been trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and that the department uses the standard Incident Command System when responding to fires, accidents and other emergencies. The department must maintain documentation at its office to show that it is in compliance in case of audit.

A reminder to all departments: This is a **Wild Fire Prevention Program and not a Fire Safety Program**. Our committee will not approve applications designed outside the guidelines of "Wildland Fire Prevention". Also grant funds used in a manner that does not meet the guidelines of this grant will be billed to the department/association and must be returned to AAVFD. Grants will be approved based on your application and the project listed. You **MUST** spend your funds only on items outlined in your application or items that meet the requirements of the Wildland Fire Prevention Grant program. If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, contact the AAVFD office at 1-888-97-AAVFD or email at aavfd@mindspring.com. You can also contact your district or alternate AAVFD director or your local County Forester. We hope this will help you in preparing your applications.

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS LETTER AND GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUR DEPARTMENTS. This application can be found on the AAVFD website www.aavfd.org, and the Alabama Forestry Commission www.forestry.state.al.us

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