

2025 Volunteer Fire Department Grant Cycle

Community Foundation of Abilene

VFD Contact Information

VFD Chief Name*

Character Limit: 100

VFD Chief Email*

Character Limit: 100

County Represented*

Choices

- Brown
- Callahan
- Coleman
- Comanche
- Eastland
- Fisher
- Haskell
- Jones
- Kent
- Knox
- Mitchell
- Nolan
- Runnels
- Scurry
- Shackelford
- Stephens
- Stonewall
- Taylor
- Throckmorton

Grant Terms*

Please indicate your agreement with the following terms:

- If awarded a grant, the VFD Chief will be required to sign the official grant agreement. Other signatures, such as County Judge or Fiscal Agent, if applicable, will be required to sign the grant agreement as requested by the Community Foundation of Abilene.
- A grant evaluation report will be required after the funds are spent. Proof of fund expenditure is required within 12 months of grant issuance.

Choices

Yes, I agree to the terms above

No, I cannot agree to the terms above

County Judge's Name*

Character Limit: 100

County Judge's Mailing/Contact Info*

Please provide the County Judge's mailing and contact information, including phone and email if available.

Character Limit: 200

VFD Data

Number of Active Volunteers*

Character Limit: 50

Total Calls for 2024*

Character Limit: 50

Number of Fire Related Calls*

Character Limit: 50

Number of First Responder Calls*

Please provide the number of calls that are not fire related.

Character Limit: 50

Square miles in VFD's coverage area*

Character Limit: 50

Population in VFD's coverage area*

Character Limit: 50

Total County Square Miles*

Character Limit: 50

Total County Population*

Character Limit: 50

Request Details

Title of Request*

Provide a title to this project and/or the equipment you are requesting (i.e., Wildland Gear request, Purchase of new brush truck, Medical training, etc.).

Character Limit: 100

Amount Requested*

Please use whole dollar amounts.

Award amounts for this grant cycle will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Larger grants may be considered. For any grant request over \$25,000, the applicant must interview with CFA staff before submitting the application. Please contact Meagan Harris at mharris@cfabilene.org.

Character Limit: 20

Total Project Amount*

Please provide the total amount of the project or purchase.

Character Limit: 20

Please use complete sentences to answer the following questions in each section.

NOTE: If you create the answers first in a Word document and then copy/paste into this online grant application, formatting does not carry over (i.e. bullet points, dashes, numbered bullets, etc.)

Project Description*

Please describe the project and the need that will be addressed if the grant is received.

Character Limit: 2500

Timeline*

What is the timeline for the proposed project?

Character Limit: 1000

Additional Details

Describe any special considerations or hazards in your coverage area.

Character Limit: 2000

Financials

VFD's Annual Operating Budget*

Please provide the estimated 2025 annual operating budget total.

Character Limit: 20

You will be asked to provide a breakdown of the prior year's funding sources in additional questions below. *Place a "0" in any category that does not apply.*

Annual budget contribution from City in 2024.*

Character Limit: 20

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Total Amount received from State or Federal Grants in 2024.*

Please include grants from Texas Forest Service here.

Character Limit: 20

Total contributions received from individuals and fundraisers 2024.*

Character Limit: 20

Budget Concerns/Challenges

Please use this space to provide additional budget details and list of fundraising activities. If the VFD is earmarking funds for a specific need, or anticipates budget cuts in the upcoming year, fundraising challenges, etc., please share here.

Character Limit: 1000

Financial Statement*

Please upload your most recent annual financial statement, and one that is independently audited, if available. A recent bank statement or balance sheet will also be accepted.

File Size Limit: 11 MB

Bid Documentation

Bid Documentation and Worksheet*

Please submit your multiple bids by clicking the "Upload A File" button below.

If you have multiple bids and cannot combine into one document, please complete our [competitive bid document](#) with your multiple bids from vendors and upload it.

If you do not have multiple bids and have a preferred vendor, please upload instead.

See the [example competitive bid document](#) here.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

If not providing multiple bids, please provide explanation below.

(ex. the only vendor in our area that provides this equipment.)

Character Limit: 750

Attachments

Tax Exemption*

Please attach your IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter and/or other documentation to verify tax exemption. If this is not available, grant funds will not be considered.

File Size Limit: 1 MB