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## **2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Announced**

### **37 Volunteer Fire Departments in 15 Counties to Receive \$88,612 in Grant Funding**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service announced its 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants to 37 volunteer fire departments across the state. The projects are to be funded in 15 Maryland counties to assist volunteer fire companies to enhance wildland fire protection in rural communities.

This year 53 Volunteer Fire Departments from 19 counties applied for funding assistance with \$334,457 in projects. The Maryland Forest Service awarded grant funds to 37 fire departments for \$88,612 in match funding to complete \$218,367 in total project cost. The maximum grant award equaled up to 50% of the total project cost with a maximum of \$3,000 grant award per department. The Federal Grant funds are provided by the USDA Forest Service.

The list of 2015 grant awards:

2015 VFA Grant Awards			
Volunteer Fire Department	County	Project Cost	Award
Arbutus VFRD	Baltimore	\$3,870	\$1,935
Baltimore Pike VFC	Allegany	\$5,953	\$2,977
Bittinger VFD	Garrett	\$5,879	\$2,940
Bloomington VFC	Garrett	\$2,653	\$1,326
Bowmans Addition VFC	Allegany	\$1,580	\$790
Church Hill VFC	Queen Anne	\$4,536	\$2,268
Cobb Island VFD	Charles	\$6,000	\$2,300
Community FC of Millington	Kent	\$5,620	\$2,810
Cordova VFA	Talbot	\$2,680	\$1,340
Eldorado Brookview VFC	Dorchester	\$5,785	\$2,982
Ellerslie VFC	Allegany	\$5,301	\$2,650
Ferndale VFC	Anne Arundel	\$2,625	\$1,312
Funkstown VFC	Washington	\$1,388	\$694
Jacksonville VFC	Harford	\$6,250	\$3,000
Kitzmiller VFD	Garrett	\$11,025	\$3,000
Lakes & Straits VFC	Dorchester	\$5,917	\$2,958
LaVale VFD	Allegany	\$4,912	\$2,456
Linkwood Salem VFC	Dorchester	\$6,000	\$3,000
Longmeadow VFC	Washington	\$5,100	\$2,550
Marion VFD	Somerset	\$6,000	\$3,000



Maugansville Goodwill VFC	Washington	\$2,338	\$1,169
Mt. Savage VFD	Allegany	\$2,838	\$1,419
Mt. Vernon VFD	Somerset	\$5,100	\$2,550
Oakland VFD	Garrett	\$7,150	\$3,000
Oldtown VFD	Allegany	\$18,000	\$3,000
Parsonsborg VFC	Wicomico	\$2,259	\$1,130
Rawlings VFD	Allegany	\$5,500	\$2,750
Rock Hall VFC	Kent	\$18,135	\$3,000
Secretary VFC	Dorchester	\$6,000	\$3,000
Sharpsburg VFC	Washington	\$4,700	\$2,350
Sharptown VFD	Wicomico	\$5,676	\$2,838
Singerly VFC	Cecil	\$12,000	\$3,000
Taylors Island VFD	Dorchester	\$9,000	\$3,000
United Communities VFD	Queen Anne	\$2,236	\$1,118
White Marsh VFC	Baltimore	\$6,000	\$3,000
Whiteford VFC	Harford	\$6,361	\$3,000
Winfield Community VFD	Carroll	\$6,000	\$3,000
	<b>Total</b>	\$218,367	\$88,612