



Funding to Build Firefighter Capacity and Treat Fuels.

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Question

Have you ever applied for funding to reduce fuels hazards, complete CWPPs, conduct outreach/education or other goals?

Overview:

Three Federal Funding Grants

What they can be used for

How to Apply

Deadlines

Three Federal Funding Grants

Non-Federal Lands
Hazardous Fuels

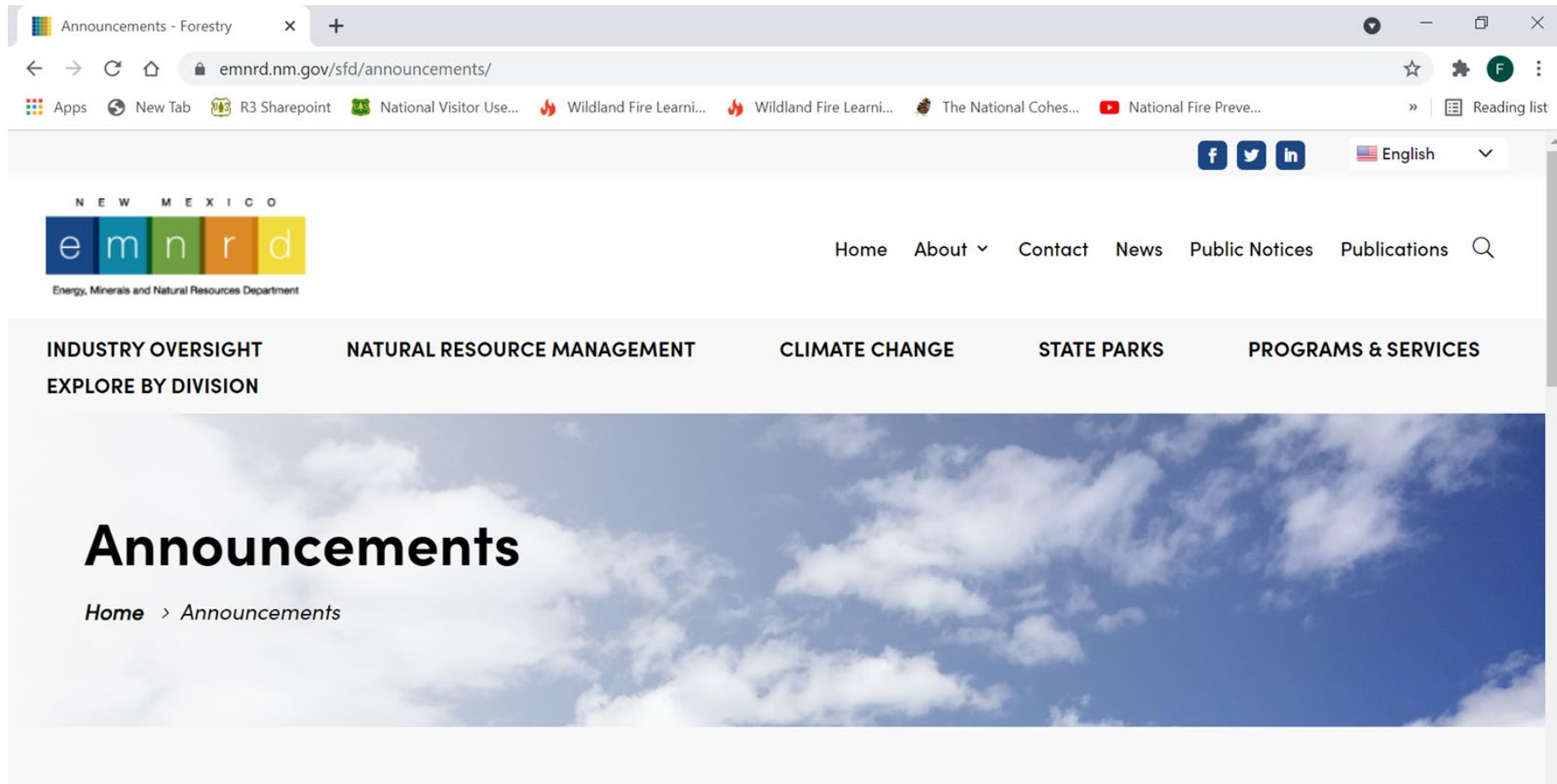
National Fire Capacity
(State Fire Assistance)

Rural Fire Capacity
(Volunteer Fire Assistance)

Non-Federal Lands Hazardous Fuels

- Project Amount up to \$300,000
- No Match Requirement
- Projects must be adjacent to National Forests and coordinated with fuels work conducted on National Forests in the past 5 years or planned in the next 5 years.
- Request for Applications beginning in January
- Proposals due in April
- Information will be posted at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/announcements/>

Non-Federal Lands Hazardous Fuels



National Fire Capacity (State Fire Assistance)

- 1:1 Match
- Reimbursement Grant
- Can be used for Training, Equipment, Planning (CWPP), Prevention Efforts and Hazardous Fuels Work (annual competitive western-WUI grants)
- Request for Applications beginning in January
- Proposals due in April
- Information will be posted at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/announcements/>

Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

- Reimbursement – Forestry Division reimburses fire department once procurement is completed by fire department.
- Fire Department must provide 10% Local Government Match
- Fire Department must meet the following requirements:
 - Is recognized as a fire department by the laws of the State
 - Provides service **primarily** to a community or city with a population of less than 10,000
 - Firefighting personnel is 80 percent or more volunteer
- Can be used to purchase Personal Protective Equipment and hand tools, used to equip FEPP engines and radios.
- Grant can be used for training activities and Education/Prevention.
- Can be used to fund a Wildland Fire Coordinator part time position.
- Can be used to fund dry hydrants or other special projects, other than capital improvements.

Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application

- FY22 VFA Grant Application and packet has been revised to address updated reporting criteria and better assist applicants in the process.
 - Applicant encouraged to reference their Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
 - Applicant encouraged to reference the local government Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) or Memorandum of Agreement(MOA).
 - Communities At Risk (CARS) .
 - Emphasis on well written Project Plan Narrative and Budget Proposal.
 - Applicants who may not fall into “priority” categories will be scored using other considerations.
 - Forestry Division’s goal is to build wildland fire response capacity in New Mexico’s VFD’s.

Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application

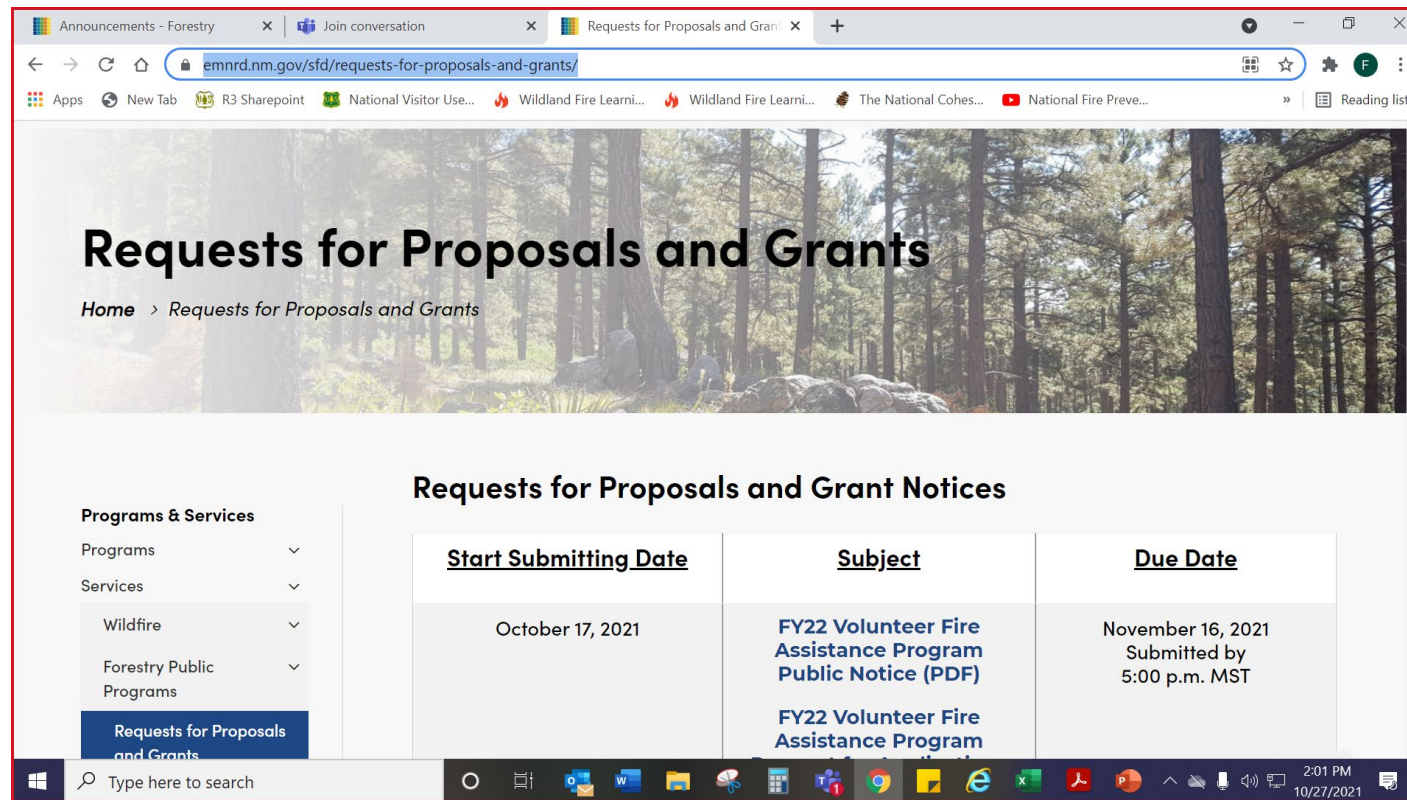
VFA APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Applications Available: October 15, 2021
- Applications Due Back to Forestry Division: COB November 15, 2021
- Applications reviewed in late November early December.
- Because of Holidays the review period may extend to January 2022.
- Reviewers submit scored applications.
- Award committee convenes and selections made.
- Pre award applicants sent for Federal Compliance and State Audit reviews.
- Notification letters sent to applicants.
- Grant Award Agreements (GAA's) finalized and signed by local government and Forestry Division.
- Notice to Proceed packet sent to awardee to begin purchasing process.

Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application

- VFA Applications can be found at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/requests-for-proposals-and-grants/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/requests-for-proposals-and-grants/>. The page title is "Requests for Proposals and Grants" and the breadcrumb is "Home > Requests for Proposals and Grants". The main content area is titled "Requests for Proposals and Grant Notices" and contains a table with the following information:

<u>Start Submitting Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
October 17, 2021	FY22 Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Public Notice (PDF) FY22 Volunteer Fire Assistance Program	November 16, 2021 Submitted by 5:00 p.m. MST

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Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Success Stories

Corrales Fire Department Sandoval County

With funding provided by VFA Grants, through the US Forest Service and New Mexico EMNRD – Forestry Division, Corrales FD has been able to update their wildland Personal Protective Equipment, equipment for brush trucks such as hoses, appliances and hand tools, and Float Pumps that work well in the nearby river and the area's irrigation ditches.

Figure 1 Corrales FD Mesa Station overlooks the Rio Grande Valley and the Sandia Mountains.



Figure 2 Corrales firefighters dig handline on a portion of a bosque fire just outside the village



Rural Fire Capacity Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Success Stories

Laguna Vista VFD Rio Arriba County

Both signs will be valuable for reminding landowners and visitors to exercise care when using fire outdoors in our wildland-interface subdivision. The signs will dovetail nicely with other efforts we make to encourage fire safety in our community.



Questions?

