



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VFA GRANT APPLICANTS

The main criterion that must be met, to be eligible for VFA funding, is that it must benefit the rural population and/or communities with less than 10,000 in population.

This criterion can be met by using the latest census data to confirm population and where the applicant is:

1. a single fire department serving a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 or less.

OR

2. a single community or county with a population greater than 10,000 that:
 - a. that provides contractual fire protection to an adjoining rural community of 10,000 or less population, where the VFA funding is used entirely to support the rural community.

OR

- b. that has a single fire department with one or more fire stations, that serves a rural area or community that does not exceed 10,000. The VFA funding must be used only for the benefit of the rural population.

OR

- c. that is served by two or more fire districts operating entirely within the bounds of that county or town, as long as the service area includes a rural area or a rural community, or the population of the fire department's jurisdiction is 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be specifically used for the rural area.

OR

- d. that has an area fire department (fire districts, townships, etc.) serving an aggregate population of greater than 10,000, but which includes a rural area or rural community having a population of 10,000 or less, where the VFA funding is specifically used to benefit the rural population.

NOT ELIGIBLE: A single community fire department serving a population greater than 10,000 and not providing protection to a rural area or to a rural community is NOT eligible for VFA financial assistance.