



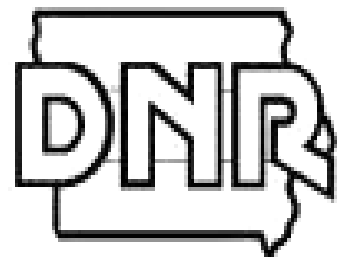
2005-2006

Dry Hydrant Grant Application

Rules and Application



Continuous Application Period
Funding continues until:
September 1, 2006



Dry Hydrant Expansion Program

Purpose

This chapter provides provisions for the Dry Hydrant Expansion Grant Program. Funding of \$45,000.00, plus an additional \$90,000, is available now through September 1, 2006 to support the Dry Hydrant Expansion Program in Iowa through a State Fire Assistance – National Fire Plan Grant from the USDA Forest Service – Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry.

Program Eligibility

Cities, Counties, and Council of Governments may apply on behalf of fire and emergency response departments for those funds. Resource Conservation and Development Councils may also apply for funds under this program. Requests for funding under the dry hydrant expansion program must be made by a consortium of departments in order to be considered.

Award Limits

The maximum award, per dry hydrant, shall be \$2,000.00.

The award amount for dry hydrant projects shall be used for, but not limited to: dry hydrant location and water acquisition, and the proper use, installation and maintenance of the dry hydrants.

Departments requesting funding must obtain a certification of training in dry hydrants from the Fire Service Training Bureau, Division of the State Fire Marshal, Iowa Department of Public Safety or another approved training entity. The review committee must approve any training entity other than the Fire Service Training Bureau.

All applicants must provide 50 percent match for the project. The match may be cash, in-kind services or a combination of the two.

Eligible Uses of Funds

Eligible uses of funds under the dry hydrants expansion program include, but are not limited to: purchase of dry hydrant equipment, installation, training and education on the use of dry hydrants.

Application Procedures

Applications will be requested at least annually on a date to be determined by the DPS Fire Service Training Bureau/DNR Forestry Bureau based on availability of funds. Applications must be submitted on forms provided by, and available from the DPS Fire Service Training Bureau or the DNR Forestry Bureau. Forms may be obtained by contacting the Fire Service Training Bureau, Division of State Fire Marshal, Iowa Department of Public Safety, 3100 Fire Service Road, Ames, Iowa 50011-3100, 888-469-

2374 or the Forestry Bureau, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034, 515-242-5966.

Application contents shall include, but are not limited to: summary of the project, description of geographic area served, information about each service included in the project area.

Application materials must be postmarked by midnight on the established due date. No faxed materials will be accepted.

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed by a team representing the following organizations: Fire Service Training Bureau, Iowa Firemen's Association, Iowa Fire Chiefs Association, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Association of Counties, Institute of Public Affairs-University of Iowa, State Fire Marshal Division, Department of Natural Resources-Forestry Bureau.

Applications will be ranked on the following criteria:

- a. Demonstrated need in a given area. Identify proposed service area and show that the area is serviceable by the departments in the area – 125 points possible.
- b. Evidence of cooperation and partnering among neighboring departments – 125 points possible.
- c. Evidence of local financial and volunteer commitment to the project – 50 points possible.
- d. Evidence of capacity of applicant to implement any resulting action plan – 100 points possible.
- e. Completeness of application with all necessary attachments included – 50 points possible.

Additional information needed for dry hydrant expansion program. Before an application under the dry hydrant expansion program will be reviewed and scored using the "Criteria for Proposals", the following threshold requirements shall be met:

- a. Identification of proposed service area and evidence that it is serviceable by the applicant organizations.
- b. Evidence of availability of suitable, accessible water source in the proposed project area.
- c. Demonstrated cooperation and participation among applicant departments and other affected entities within the project area.

Disbursement of Funds

Upon the execution of a contract between the award recipient and the DNR-Forestry Bureau funds will be reimbursed upon receipt of the following: certification of training, proof of installation, submission of a work plan to maintain the dry hydrants, copies of invoices and an original signed billing form showing match and grant amounts.

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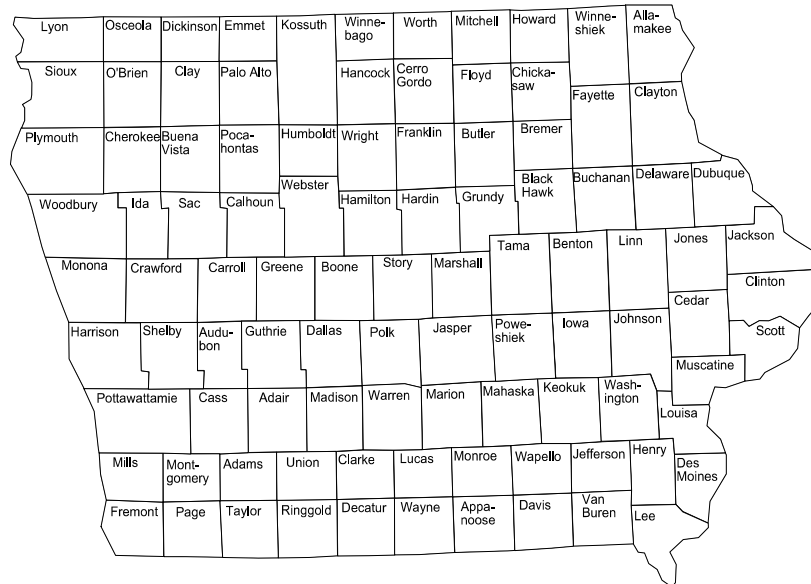
1.0 Cover sheet/project group information

1.1 Eligible applicant (See cover letter):

1.2 Contact Name (Address, Phone, Fax, Email)

1.3 Name/address/phone of person completing application and best time to call:

1.4 Using a felt tip marker, indicate the location of the areas included in this application:



1.5 List departments (and population served) of the proposed consortium:

Name: _____ Pop. _____

Name: _____ Pop. _____

Name: _____ Pop. _____

Name: _____ Pop. _____

Name: _____ Pop. _____

1.6 List counties served: _____

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2.0 Grant Request/Statement of Need

Grant amount requested: \$ _____

Cash Match committed: \$ _____

In-kind match committed: \$ _____

Number of hydrants proposed to be installed: _____

2.1 Name and address of provider of training and education:

2.2 Attach a copy of the training schedule, along with scope of training and training dates.

2.3 Which of the following describe the proposed area? (circle all that apply)

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| a) Declining population | b) Increasing population |
| c) Stable population | d) New housing |
| e) New/expanded industry | f) New commercial |
| g) Recent annexations | h) Declining tax base |
| i) Major business closures | j) Other _____ |

2.4 Describe the need in the area. (50 words or less)

2.5 Attach a map of the proposed area, drawing a circle around the boundaries of the area to be served.

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3.0 What is the level of service sharing among the departments? Is there a history of working together beyond mutual aid? *(no more than 100 words)*

3.1 Number of fire calls in the proposed area: _____
Inside city limits: _____ Outside city limits: _____

3.2 Type of development occurring in the proposed area: (list)

3.3 Identify the water source(s) in the proposed area. Are they suitable and accessible for the installation of dry hydrants? *(NOTE: Pressurized water systems are not eligible under this program)*

3.4 Has the group of departments worked with the local rural water association regarding the need for water sources in the proposed area? Briefly describe the assistance, if any, available from the rural water association.

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4.0 Checklist and attachments

- _____ **Attach a resolution or a letter of support from the relevant county boards of supervisors/township trustees in whose area(s) dry hydrants are being proposed.**

- _____ **Attach a letter of support from fire chiefs, county engineers, soil and water conservation districts, rural water associations and impacted landowners. Also, if the area is represented by a council of governments, attach a letter of support from the appropriate staff.**

- _____ **Attach a letter of cooperation (if applicable) from the Natural Resources and Conservation Service or the United States Army Corp of Engineers. (These letters are required if federal land is used.)**

- _____ **Attach a copy of the training agreement from the provider of training, including the cost, scope of the training and date(s) training will be provided.**

- _____ **Attach a letter from the provider(s) of matching funds, either cash or in-kind. Cash can be matching funds for training, and in-kind can be for installation of dry hydrants.**

- _____ **Attach a map of the proposed area.**

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5.0 Signature Page

5.1 Eligible Applicant (same as Section 1.1)

5.2 Assurances

The Applicant Organization, as eligible applicant under the rules governing the Dry Hydrant program shall:

- 5.2.1 Abide by the requirements of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which bar discrimination against any employee, applicant for employment, or any person participating in any sponsored program, on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or physical or mental disability;
- 5.2.2 Abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- 5.2.3 Require compensation for employment at not less than minimum wage;
- 5.2.4 Provide safe and sanitary working conditions;
- 5.2.5 Expend funds received as a result of this application on the described project within the time period of no more than twelve (12) months, unless written approval has been granted to exceed the twelve (12) month period;

The Applicant Organization also assures that the representations made in this application, including all exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

5.3 _____ Date: _____
Signature of person with legal authority to obligate the Applicant (unit of government)

Type name and position of the above person

5.4 Eligible Applicant Federal ID number: _____

5.5 Iowa House and Senate District numbers for the area: (if multi-city or county project, indicate all districts impacted by the project)

Iowa House District #'s: _____

Iowa Senate District #'s: _____

Please send six (6) completed copies of the application (along with original) to:

Dry Hydrant Grant Program
Fire Service Training Bureau
3100 Fire Service Rd.
Ames, Iowa 50011
888-469-2374
800-722-7350 fax