



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCSB Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 4D: Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Voluntary Fire Capacity (VFC) Program Grant Application Through California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 2025-2026 for Funding for Structural Equipment

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

*I move to authorize the General Manager to execute VFC Program Grant through California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 2025-2026 Application for Funding for Structural Equipment.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

This item is presented to inform the Board that Captain Travis Chunn identified a funding opportunity through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's 2025–2026 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Program, administered under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

The Groveland Fire Department has successfully secured fire equipment through this grant program in previous years. During this funding cycle, the department identified a critical need for structural firefighting equipment, specifically fire hoses.

An application requesting \$11,306.40 was submitted, which requires a 50% local match.

Due to the urgent need for this equipment and the tight application deadline of May 5, 2025, the grant application was submitted prior to receiving formal Board approval. To maintain transparency and follow best governance practices, staff is now seeking retroactive authorization from the Board to execute the application.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Should the application be successful, the District will be responsible for 50% of the \$11,306.40; \$5653.20 which will be included in the 2025/26 fiscal year budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. VFC Application

California Department of Forestry and Fire  
 Protection 2025-2026 Application for Funding  
 Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978  
 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Program  
 Agreement # 7GF



**A. Department/Organization**

Organization Name: Groveland CSD Fire

Contact's First Name: Peter Contact's Last Name: Kampa

Street Address: 18966 Ferretti Road

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 350

City: Groveland County: Tuolumne Zip Code: 95321

State: California CAL FIRE Unit: TCU - Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit

Phone Number: (209) 962-7161 Email Address: pkampa@gcsd.org

Unique Entity ID: DBMLPNP29UL7

To check to see what your UEI Number is, or to apply for one, please visit the [SAM.GOV](http://SAM.GOV) website.

**B. Area to be served by award (include areas covered by contract or written mutual aid agreements).**

Number of Communities: 4 Area: 14.50 square miles

Congressional District #: CA-#4

Population: 3,451 Annual Budget: \$ 2,004,187.00

Latitude N 37 ° 50 ' 40 " Longitude W 120 13 33 "

(Latitude must be between 32 and 42 degrees. Longitude must be between 114 and 125 degrees. Latitude and Longitude minutes and seconds must be between 0 and 60. Use a central point in the Applicant's service area for the general area covered by the project).

All projects **MUST** have a project area.

**C. Activity: Annual number of emergency incidents.**

Fire: 13 + EMS: 318 + Other: 180 = Total: 511

**D. Indian Tribal Community (If project includes an Indian Tribal Community, please provide):**

Population: Size (acres): # of structures:

Distance to nearest fire station (miles):

**CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-driven)**

Total Application Request (up to 50%; \$500 minimum, \$20,000 maximum)

Project Total Cost: \$ 11,306.40

Amount Funded for this Agreement:

**E. Proposed Project (List individual items for funding. Include tax and shipping in unit cost):**

|     | Type                   | Item                     | Quantity | Unit Cost | Item Total  |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1.  | Equipment - Structural | 1 3/4 Inch Hose          | 14       | \$ 339.60 | \$ 4,754.40 |
| 2.  | Equipment - Structural | 5 Inch Rubber Storz Hose | 10       | \$ 655.20 | \$ 6,552.00 |
| 3.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 4.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 5.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 6.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 7.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 8.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 9.  |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 10. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 11. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 12. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 13. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 14. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 15. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 16. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 17. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 18. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 19. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 20. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 21. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |
| 22. |                        |                          |          |           | \$ 0.00     |

**F. CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-Driven)**

Project Total Cost: \$ 11,306.40

**G. Additional Information. 1. Briefly describe the area to be served: fire protection system, water system, equipment, facilities, staffing, hazards, etc. and purpose of proposed project. 2. How will the request(s) maintain or bring your organization into compliance with NFPA 1977? (Limited to space below)**

Groveland CSD Fire provides all risk emergency services to the communities of Groveland, Big Oak Flat, Buck Meadows, and Moccasin. Groveland CSD Fire has one staffed fire station located on Highway 120 in the town of Groveland, CA. It is 24 miles from the entrance to Yosemite, where 4,000,000 people visit per year. This proximity to Yosemite, makes Groveland CSD Fire a truly unique place to work. The call volume is generated by people from all over the world. To stay fiscally responsible, Groveland CSD Fire signed a schedule A contract with CAL FIRE in 2013. The budget for Groveland CSD Fire comes 100% from property taxes, and this has made it difficult to replace essential equipment. It has also made it challenging to stay NFPA compliant. We are requesting funding for (14) 1 3/4" hoses and (10) large diameter hoses. Some of our current hose is over 20 years old and is in desperate need of replacement. Sadly, we do not have money in our budget to make essential upgrades like this. Assistance with this hose purchase, would alleviate the financial hardship that our district is currently facing. It will also help us stay NFPA compliant. Thank you for your consideration.

In addition to the original request(s), Applicants may list alternative projects for excess or unused funds, which the State will review during the initial application process. The State will determine which of the Applicant's projects are eligible for funding if excess or unused funds become available. Upon advance written approval by the State, the applicant may use additional/excess funding up to the contract maximum amount to purchase State approved items in listed order of priority on their application.

Deviations from the original application are considered an amendment and require prior approval before the amended expenditures can be made.

**The funds will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between Agreement Approval Date and June 30, 2026. The Recipient agrees to provide CAL FIRE with itemized documentation of the Agreement project expenditures and bill CAL FIRE as soon as the project is complete, but no later than September 1, 2026.**

The Recipient gives CAL FIRE or any authorized representative access to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the Agreement. The Recipient shall hold harmless CAL FIRE and its employees for any liability or injury suffered through the use of property or equipment acquired under this Agreement. The applicant certifies that to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, the data in this application is true.

I certify that the above and attached information is true and correct:

Signed by:  
*Peter Kampa*

5/2/2025

Original Signature Required: Grantee's Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Printed Name: Peter Kampa

Title: General Manager

Executed on: 5/2/2025

at

Groveland

Date

City

Organization Name: Groveland CSD Fire

# Grant Assurances for Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC)

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UEI Number: DBMLPNP29UL7

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant named above:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for the Volunteer Fire Capacity grant, of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure proper planning management, and completion of the grant.
2. Will assure that grant funds are used only for items requested and approved in the application.
3. Assures that all wildland fire response employees (full-time, part-time, or volunteer) are fully equipped with appropriated wildland fire response personal protective equipment that meets NFPA 1977, *Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting*, and are trained to a proficient level in the use of the personal protective equipment. Wildland fire suppression safety clothing, and equipment includes:
  - Safety helmet
  - Goggles
  - Ear Protection
  - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) hood, shroud, or equivalent face and neck protection
  - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) shirt and pants
  - Gloves
  - Safety work boots
  - Wildland fire shelter
  - Communications Equipment
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

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5. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business or other ties.
6. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, Executive orders, regulations, Program and Administrative requirements, policies, and other requirements governing this program.
7. Will comply with USDA Forest Service Civil Rights requirements.

See the [Forest Service Civil Rights literature](#) on their web page.

8. Understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination, or reduction of grant funds.



In compliance with NFPA 1977 and trained in the use of Wildland PPE.



Not in compliance with NFPA 1977, but applying for grant funding to purchase Wildland PPE and/or provide required training.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized by the above named applicant to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the said applicant.

Printed Name of Authorized Agent: Peter Kampa

Signature of Authorized Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by:  
*Peter Kampa*  
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Title of Authorized Agent: General Manager

Date: 5/2/2025

**Submission requires an unsigned and signed application.**

1. Please complete and save an **unsigned** application.
2. In addition, please **sign and date** an application (electronic or wet signature OK).
3. On one email, please attach both the **unsigned** and **signed** applications and submit to [CALFIRE.GRANTS@FIRE.CA.GOV](mailto:CALFIRE.GRANTS@FIRE.CA.GOV).

**Electronic copies must be submitted by May 5, 2025 at 11:59pm.**