

**RESOLUTION 26-2011**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION BY THE BENSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ARIZONA STATE FORESTRY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Forestry Division, with assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, administers a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program (the "Grant Program") which provides financial assistance to train, organize, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires; and

WHEREAS, the Application, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, would enable the Benson Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a portion of the funding under the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of the Grant Program is a fifty percent (50%) match for the federal funds on a reimbursable basis whereby the Benson Volunteer Fire Department must spend its money or provide in-kind services prior to receiving the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, have reviewed the terms and conditions of the Application attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and have determined that submitting the Application is in the best interests of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the City hereby approves the Application and authorizes Fire Chief Keith Spangler to execute it and City staff is hereby authorized to accept said grant if awarded and take all steps necessary and proper to carry out its purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 14th day of March, 2011.

  
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MARK M. FENN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney

**Exhibit "A"**  
**Grant Application**

**Part B**

**2011 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Community Name:</b>	City of Benson	
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	\$10,000.00	
<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	\$10,000.00	
<b>Contact Person</b>	Keith Spangler	
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Name</b>	Benson Fire Department
	<b>Address</b>	P.O. Box 2223 375 E 7 <sup>th</sup> St Benson AZ, 85602
	<b>Phone</b>	520-586-9832
	<b>E-Mail</b>	kspangler@cityofbenson.com
<b>1.</b>	<b>Is your community under 10,000 population? (Circle One)</b>	

- A. Yes (See Item 2 below)
- B. No (Does not qualify)

<b>2.</b>	<b>Is the request for assistance for organizing, training, equipping or prevention? (Circle One)</b>
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- A. Yes
- B. No (Does not qualify)

<b>3.</b>	<b>Is your community fire organization a: (Circle One)</b>
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- A. Legal Fire District under A.R.S., Title 48.
- B. Non-profit corporation listed with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- C. Entity of an incorporated town or city.
- D. Tribal Community Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>4.</b>	<b>Does your fire department currently have a Intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona State Forestry Division? (Circle One)</b>
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- A. Yes
- B. No  
If no, do you have an agreement with a Federal Agency?  
Which one \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Is more than one fire department involved in this project proposal? (Circle One)**

- A. Yes
- B. No

If yes, list names of other communities and Zip codes that are involved:

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**6. Using Insurance Services Office ratings, what is the predominant dwelling ISO rating class within your fire boundary? (Circle One)**

- A. Eight (8) or less
- B. 9
- C. 10

**7. Which aspects of the program will the community's project proposal include? Circle each item that applies.)**

- A. Training
- B. Equipment
- C. Organization
- D. Prevention

**8. What is the average number of fires per year, for the last five (5) year period within your jurisdiction? (Fill in the blanks)**

- A. Structural 16
- B. Wildland/Agricultural 29

**9. How many communities within your fire department boundaries have received Firewise Communities USA Certification? Please list community name(s).**

- A. 0
- B. 1-3
- C. 3+

Community Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. How many acres of wildland/urban interface (as defined in attachment A; page 4 do you protect? (Circle One)**

- A. 0 – 100
- B. 100 -1000
- C. 1000+

**11. How many wildland engines does your department have? (Circle One)**

- A. More than one engine per 1000 acres protected.
- B. Less than one engine per 1000 acres protected.

**12. Does your community border Federal lands? (Circle One)**

- A. Yes  
If yes, what Federal Agency administers these lands? USFS
- B. No

**13. Number of times your department was awarded VFA Grants in the last 3 Federal Fiscal Years? (2008, 2009 & 2010) (Circle One)**

- A. Never
- B. Once
- C. Twice
- D. 3+

**14. What percentage of your firefighting personnel are non-paid volunteers. (Circle One)**

- A. 0-25%
- B. 26-50%
- C. 51+%

**15. What is your annual budget. (Circle One)**

- A. \$0 - \$100,000
- B. \$101,000 - \$200,000
- C. \$201,000 - \$300,000
- D. \$301,000+

**16. What is the total number of firefighting personnel you have on your department?**

- A. 27

**17. Circle the number firefighting personnel not fully equipped with wildland fire personal protective equipment.**

- A. 0
- B. 1-5
- C. 6-10
- D. 11-20
- E. 20+

**18. Circle the number of firefighter personnel on your department that need Basic Wildland Firefighter (NWCG S-130, S-190 & L-180) training:**

- A. 0
- B. 1-5
- C. 6-10
- D. 11-20
- E. 20+

**19. Circle the number of fire fighter personnel who are not equipped with New Generation Fire Shelters.**

- A. 0
- B. 1-5
- C. 6-10
- D. 11-20
- E. 20+

**20. Does your project proposal include purchase of New Generation Fire Shelters.**

- A. Yes
- B. No

**Part C**

**2011 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT PROGRAM  
PROJECT PROPOSAL/BUDGET**

<b>Grantee Name :</b>		Benson Fire Department
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Name</b>	Keith Spangler
	<b>Address</b>	P.O. Box 2223 Benson AZ 85602
	<b>Phone</b>	520-586-9832
	<b>E-Mail</b>	kspangler@cityofbenson.com
<b>1. Community Description</b>	The City of Benson is situated in Southeast Arizona. The City of Benson has 47 Square miles incorporated with approximately 80% undeveloped. New developments have wildland interface and wildlife corridors. The City borders US Forest Service land and State Land as well.	
<b>2. Project Category</b>	G <b>Training</b> G <b>Organizing</b> G <b>Equipping</b> G <b>Prevention</b>	
<b>3. Project Category</b>	The VFA Project will be used to purchase equipment for structural firefighting for wildland interface within the city limits.  The Equipment will consist of Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (Turnouts).	

**VFA Detailed Project Budget**

**Part A Project Fund Sources by Organization\***

	Grant \$	Benson			Total
<b>Dollars</b>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$10,000.00
<b>Donations</b>					
<b>Volunteer</b>					
<b>Total</b>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$10,000.00

\*Organization examples: Home Owners, Local Gov., Tribes, State, Federal, etc. List actual names of cities, fire departments etc. in the column headings.

**Part B Project Expenditures By Organization**

Project Expenditures	Grant \$	Benson			Total
Structural Firefighting Turnouts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$10,000.00

List Expenditures or work activities in the left column i.e. Training and Equipping. See Attachment A for Volunteer Fire Assistance.