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Press Release

Attention Rural Fire

Phoenix, Arizona October 20, 2015: Applications are now being accepted for Arizona State Forestry's 2016 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program. The Request for Applications and the application form are now available on the Arizona State Forestry website: www.azsf.az.gov/grants/VFA

The application forms and process have changed since previous years, so please read the information thoroughly. The Request for Application (RFA) document provides details on the process.

Key Points Include:

- Applications are due **November 18, 2015**
- All applications must include 2 parts:
 - o Part A - Information about the applicant organization and their capacity.
 - o Part B - Information about the specific project proposal(s).
- Project proposals must fit into one of eight specific categories. If an organization is requesting funds in more than one category, they will need to submit a separate project proposal for each, and they will need to prioritize their individual projects.
- Awards to individual fire departments are limited to \$10,000 per department. Awards for Organizing Statewide Training Programs are limited to \$20,000.
- Projects that can be implemented to support the 2016 wildland fire season will be prioritized.
- Award recommendations are expected by January 2016.

State Forestry Grants staff will be hosting a 2016 VFA Grant Application Q & A on **Wednesday October 28, 2015 at 10am**. This will be a Q & A about the application, as well as providing some examples of how to fill out the application correctly. We are still working on the details, but the goal will be a teleconference and or webinar.

- Anyone interested will need to email Robert Elliott at: RobertElliott@azsf.gov
- Availability could be limited, so please RSVP **No later than Friday October 23rd 2015**.
- Please put "**2016 VFA Q & A RSVP**" in the subject line.
- In the body of the email: Include the name of your organization and number of participants.