



**Kansas State Fire Marshal
Kansas Volunteer Firefighter Grant
(KVFG)**

**Overview & Application
Information FY2026**



Purpose

The Kansas State Fire Marshal (KSFM) is providing no-match grants to volunteer fire departments across the state for sets of bunker gear, wildland gear, and/or washer-extractor machines.

Fire departments, especially small rural volunteer departments, continue to face firefighter recruitment and retention issues because they lack funding to provide adequate safety equipment that meets NFPA standards. This leaves potential volunteers with not only donating their time but faced with providing their own safety gear, gear that is sometimes outdated or going without gear.

Each bunker gear and/or wildland gear set will include a helmet, hood, coat, pants, gloves and boots for a department member. The washer-extractor machine is the 20-pound unit, designed to launder two sets per wash cycle. Fire departments that receive a machine should be willing to share it with nearby fire departments.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an established and recognized Kansas volunteer fire department. Departments do not need to register with SAM.gov for a UEI number for this grant cycle.

All gear/equipment would become property of the requesting department and not of the individual for who it was requested. A department cannot liquidate the equipment such as selling it off to another department or placing in surplus for the life of the equipment.

Grant Schedule

- November 05, 2025
 - December 05, 2025
 - December 19, 2025
- Applications are due in our office no later than 4 pm.
Award letters will be emailed by this date or sooner.
Return signed letter of agreement along with your bunker gear set and/or wildland gear set selection.

Application

Submission Instructions:

- A completed KVFG application must be submitted prior to the deadline and contain all information requested.
- Applications are due in our office no later than 4 pm on November 05, 2025.
- For grant cycle FY2026 KVFG, quotes are not required. *KSFM has existing contracts with vendors.*
- Submit completed KVFG application via mail, email or fax - required.
- Include KVFG and fire department name in the subject line when emailing the application.

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