

**2021 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) ASSISTANCE
GRANT APPLICATION
OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL**



Fire Department/District Applicant Name	Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department	
Fire Chief	Dennis Morrill	
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City State, Zip	Lakeview, OR 97630	
Contact Person	Lana Breshears	
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County	Lake	
Federal DUNS #	036626919	
TIN (Tax Identification #)	93-6002198	
Percentage paid and/or volunteer staff/fire fighters?	PAID: % <u>5</u>	VOLUNTEER: % <u>95</u>
Check one:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire District		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____		
State Fire Marshal Fire Department/District Identification Number (FDID)		
Annual operating budget	\$ <u>291,885.00</u>	
District Statistics. (Estimates are acceptable)	Annual call volume: <u>46</u> Coverage area (mi ²): <u>7.0</u> Number of residences: <u>2500</u>	

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Date Received	Date Reviewed	WAG \$ Awarded
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DESCRIBE YOUR RESPONSE AREA

Please use this section to describe the type of communities the agency serves. The applicant may want to include items such as history, geography, demographics, culture, economics, etc.... Use this section to provide the scoring committee with as much relevant information as possible about your communities.

Lake County is one of 36 counties in the state of Oregon and has 8,358 square miles an area about the size of New Jersey. The population of the county is 7,895. Lakeview is the county seat, with a population of 2,294. Lakeview Fire Department response area is 72 square miles. Additionally, Lake County borders Nevada and California whose adjoining rural counties sometimes see Lakeview Fire Department as the intial response because of the shared remoteness.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, tourism was an important part of Lakeview's economy. The Lakeview area is famous for it's hunting, fishing, camping, hang gliding and rock hunting. Red Rock Biofuels is currently constructing a bio fuel production facility in Lakeview. The plant will convert waste wood into 16+ million gallons of low-carbon renewable jet fuel and diesel fuel annually. Lakeview is home to the Warner Creek Correctional Facility. The state prison houses minimum security inmates with nearing release dates. Lakeview has the Lake Health District residing in town, it is the only hospital in the county and the only hospital for 100 miles.

Lakeview has the infastructure such the Interagency Fire Coordinating center which coordiantes wildfire supression activities between the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Oregon Department of Forestry. Lakeview is located on US Hwy 395 which runs from Reno, Nevada, through northwest California and Lakeview, Oregon terminating in British Columbia, Canada. These roads are critical to national and international commerece and are in the prime response area of the Lakeview

COMMUNITIES AT RISK

Describe the agency's demographics and population as it pertains to communities at risk. These should include underrepresented or underserved populations within the community. Examples of underserved communities may be areas of high-density poverty, low income, minority populations, or geographically difficult areas to provide service. Estimate the percentage of communities at risk to the overall population served.

Although not required, the applicant may use the datasets below to help identify communities at risk:

[Poverty Density Map](#)

[FFIEC Geocoding Map](#)

[CDC Social Vulnerability Index 2018](#)

[ESRI Maps for Public Policy](#)

[ESRI Living Atlas of the World - Demographics Hub](#)

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Lakeview Fire Department has a response area of 72 square miles, with only 15% of the area protected by hydrants. 60% of the response area is wildland, agriculture (ranches and farm land).

In Lakeview, 21.5% of the population lives below the poverty line which is almost double the national average.

Lakeview Fire Department responds to many underrepresented communities in the county. Valley Falls, has a population of 35, Adel, has a population of 112, Plush, has a population of 57, New Pine Creek, has a population of 120, Paisley, has a population of 240, these are only a few communities being underserved because of their location and the difficulty in responding. These communities have a higher poverty level, and are at greater risk to wildland fire and structure fires.

Most of the residents in these communities are retired. There are several ranches in the area that butt up to the National Forest and the Goose Lake and Warner Valleys.

Prior to COVID, the area surrounding Lakeview and these smaller communities were highly coveted areas to hunt, fish, day trip to the parks and mountains and lakes.

The pandemic has caused the area to become even more economically depressed, as they depend on tourists and travelers to help boost the economy. Approximately 6 of these communities are problematic areas to protect due to their remote locations and the inadequate resources available in those areas.

FIRE SEASON IMPACT

Describe how the 2020 wildfire season impacted agency resources and its ability to provide service to the communities described above,

In 2020 Lake county was hit hard by the wildland fire season.

The Crane Creek Fire Started by a lightening strike approx 3 miles east of the town of Lakeview in August 2020. It burned 2,993 acres. The Brattin Fire started September 7, - October 6,

2020 and was human caused, 1 structure was lost. 50,951 acres were burned. This fire threatend the city of Paisley and the residences residing there. The city was evacuated because the fire

made a turn to the city. Lakeview Volunteer Fire Dept. sent as many volunteers as could be spared to help fight the fire and to assist the Paisley Fire Dept., the US Forest Service, and BLM.

Lakeview Fire Department has assisted with firefighting and clean up of several large wildfires in our area.

The Lakeview Fire Department has always been ready and willing to assist any department or community at risk. Lakeview Fire Department has assisted with the several large wildfires in our area as well as with the cleanup of those fires in the aftermath.

The Paisley area in Lake County has been severly hit with 3 major wildfires in the same area within the past 5 years.

Lakeview responds as mutual aid to all other agencies in our area. In Lakeview, 21.5% of the population lives below the poverty line which is almost double the national average. This precludes the fire department from holding fund raisers and asking an already depressed population for more of their disposable income (if any).

We are the leading agency in our county.

All the other agencies in the county look to the Lakeview Fire Department for leadership, for varied, multi-disipline emergency community based response field training, both of a didactic and practical fashion. As well as incumbent firefighter maintenance training, regional partner-based emergency service training, and employee development training. This is to say, anything Lakeview Fire Department does, bennifits all other agencies.

PROJECT DETAIL INFORMATION

NOTE: If awarded a grant, the pass through funding will be only for items that are listed below. Refer to the manual for additional instructions (Allowable and Unallowable Table pg. 5).

Various types of fire prevention projects can be funded under the WUI Grant. For questions regarding if certain activities are eligible, contact the WUI Grant Coordinator prior to the application deadline of March 15, 2021 @5pm.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please describe the project in its entirety. Include all pertinent information such as scope, timeframe, and expected budget. A breakdown of the budget may be requested prior to receipt of the pass-through funding. If submitting for multiple projects or items, please prioritize them from most critical to least critical. Examples include equipment (pumps, structure wrap, etc.), training (ICS/NWCG courses), PPE (nomex pants, gloves, etc.), capital outlay (command vehicle, transport vehicle, etc.)

These items would provide for greater safety of our fire fighters and allow us to provide more effective and efficient fire suppression services both for our district and adjacent districts. Unless and until we acquire adequate structural turnout gear, we are limited to performing less effective exterior attacks on structure fires until mutual aid arrives. New structural turnouts would also provide a higher degree of fire fighter protection for vehicle and hydrocarbon fires.

This project would provide Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department with critically needed personal protective equipment for our fire fighters:

1. NFPA compliant structural turnout gear (coats and pants) - Our current turnouts are hand me down gear that we received as donations from other fire departments, all of which is at least 10 years old and none of which is adequate to perform an interior attack.
2. NFPA compliant structural helmets - Some of our fire fighters have purchased new helmets with personal funds, but the majority are using used helmets which were received as donations, or were purchased used. Most of these helmets are very old and distressed to varying degrees, and in fact were previously determined to be unsuitable and were replaced by other fire departments. We wish to provide new compliant helmets to those of our fire fighters who do not currently have them.

TRAINING/FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Will this award be used for any training/fire prevention program activities, such as instructor costs, modules, training equipment, outreach, prevention materials, etc.? If yes, please detail these expenses.

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PROJECT TIMELINE

How long will the project(s) take to complete? What are the steps needed to complete the project(s)? List all milestones or benchmarks which will demonstrate project advancement.

This project will take approximately 3-4 months to fulfill the order of new turn out gear.

Once the funds have been provided we will contact the company and have a representative come into our department and do the measuring for all the people on the department. This will provide our firefighters with the correct fit, as we have several female firefighters and several male firefighters that are all in varying in heights and builds.

The main mile stones that we preieve is the travel time for the representative from the gear company to come to Lakeview and meet with our people to measure them for the customized fit needed; as we are a considerable distance from any PPE supplier.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

How will this grant impact your agency's ability to provide fire prevention and suppression of wildland fires in the WUI? Additionally, how will it improve service to communities at risk within your response area?

WHY THIS PROJECT IS BENEFICIAL TO OUR DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY

The level of income for our rural fire fighters is barely sufficient to meet our monthly expences, Our roster has highly motivated fire fighters who accept a degree of personal risk in order to protect lives and property. We have the personnel, the training and the motivation. Our most significant obstacle is acquiring the necessary adequate equipment.

At a minimum, the items would provide for greater safety of our fire fighters and allow us to provide more effective fire suppression services both for our district and adjacent districts. Unless and until we acquire adequate structural turnout gear, we are limited to preforming less effective exterior attacks on structure fires until mutual aid arrives. New structure turnouts would also provide a higher degree of fire fighter protection for vehicle and hydrocarbon fires,

We are in proximity of a new jet fuel facility as well. New turnout gear would greatly assist with any fire prevention that we may have to fo at that site as well.

We desperately need help in securing safer gear for our department so we can continue to serve our community in an efficent and safe manner. We are hopeful that our request will be favorably considered.

Please itemize the project(s) by most critical need in the table below:

Wildland	Structure	Both	Quantity	Description Item @ cost/item	Total Cost
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	Example "B" Nomex Pants	\$2000
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TOTALS:					\$

SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION PAGE

Certification

Signatory below has the authority to obligate funds (i.e., Fire Chief, Treasurer, or Board Member). If submitting an electronic version of the form (as an attachment to an email), the email is accepted as the signature authorization.

The applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the information on this application is true and correct, and if awarded a WUI grant, will use those funds for the sole purpose of completing the project(s) described on this application.

The applicant also certifies they will comply with guidance, procedures, and rules identified in the 2021 Wildland Assistance Grant Manual.

Signature		Date	3-15-2021
Type or Print Name	Dennis Morrill	Title	Fire Chief

DEADLINE: Must be received by MARCH 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Choose ONE of the following methods for delivery:

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