



**Missouri Department of Public Safety
Office of Homeland Security
DPS Grants
SFY 2026 Volunteer Fire Department Grant (VFDG)
Certified Assurances**

1. **Allowable Costs:** The recipient understands that only allowable and approved expenditures will be reimbursed under this award. These monies may not be utilized to pay debts incurred by other activities. The recipient agrees to obligate funds no later than the last day of the project period. (Funds are obligated when a legal liability to pay a determinable sum for services or goods is incurred and will require payment during the same or future period.) The recipient also agrees to expend funds no later than the date identified in the “SFY 2026 Volunteer Fire Department Grant (VFDG) Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity”. (Funds are considered to be expended when payment is made.) Any funds not properly obligated and/or expended will lapse. Any deviation from the approved award must have prior approval from the Missouri Department of Public Safety/Office of Homeland Security (DPS/OHS). The recipient shall fully coordinate all activities in the performance of the project with those of the DPS/OHS. The recipient certifies that all expendable and non-expendable property purchased funds under this award shall be used for approved project purposes only.
2. **Award Document Changes:** In the event DPS/OHS determines that changes are necessary to the award document after an award has been made, including changes to period of performance or Articles of Agreement, the recipient will be notified of the changes in writing. Once notification has been made, any subsequent request for funds will indicate recipient acceptance of the changes to the award.
3. **Buy American:** The recipient acknowledges [Sections 34.350-34.359 RSMo](#) regarding the Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act (or commonly referred to as the Buy American Act) and the requirement to purchase or lease goods manufactured or produced in the United States, unless exceptions to the Buy American Act mandate in Section 34.353 RSMo are met.
4. **Buy Missouri:** The recipient also acknowledges Sections [34.070](#) and [34.073](#) RSMo regarding the preference given to all commodities and tangible personal property manufactured, mined, produced, or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations, or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business, when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less, quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less, or when competing bids are comparable.
5. **Change in Personnel:** The recipient agrees to notify, within a timely manner, the DPS/OHS if there is a change in or temporary absence as it affects the ‘My Profile’ module, ‘Contact Information’ component, and/or ‘Budget’ component within WebGrants. The notification shall be sent as a ‘Program Revision’ through the ‘Subaward Adjustment’ component of WebGrants.
6. **Compliance Workshop:** As a recipient of state funds, the subrecipient is required to participate in any applicable Compliance Workshop hosted by the DPS/OHS. The Compliance Workshop

may be hosted in-person or as a webinar to provide post-award information to include, but not limited to, award acceptance, project implementation, reporting requirements, award changes, civil rights compliance, monitoring responsibilities, record retention, internal controls, and accounting responsibilities.

7. **Criminal Activity:** The recipient assures to formally report to the DPS/OHS within 48 hours of notification if an individual funded, in whole or in part, under this award is arrested for or formally charged with a misdemeanor or felony regardless of if the criminal offense is related to the individual's employment. The DPS/OHS reserves the right to suspend or terminate grant funding pending the adjudication of the criminal offense.
8. **Data Reporting Requirements:** The recipient agrees to complete and submit any data or statistical reports required for this program. Failure to submit reports by the deadline dates may result in delay for reimbursement requests and/or cancellation of the award.
9. **Discrimination in Public Accommodations:** The recipient assures compliance with [Section 213.065 RSMo](#) in regards to non-discrimination in public accommodations as it relates to accommodations, advantages, facilities, services, or privileges made available in place of public accommodations.
10. **Duplication of Networks:** The recipient assures that all equipment/software requested and purchased under this award must be compatible with the statewide system. All software, if applicable, must be compatible with the statewide criminal records system. All communication devices, if applicable, must be capable of operating in accordance with the guidelines established by the Missouri Interoperability Center.
11. **Duplicative Funding:** The recipient agrees that if it currently has an open award of federal and/or state funds or if it receives an award of federal and/or state funds other than this award, and those award funds have been, are being, or are to be used, in whole or in part, for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are being provided under this award, the recipient will promptly notify, in writing, the DPS/OHS. If so requested and allowed by the DPS/OHS, the recipient shall submit a Subaward Adjustment for a budget revision or program revision to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.
12. **Employment of Unauthorized Aliens:** Pursuant to [Section 285.530.1 RSMo](#), the recipient assures that it does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the State of Missouri, and shall affirm, by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services. Further, the recipient shall sign an affidavit affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services.

In accordance with [Sections 285.525 to 285.550](#), RSMo a general contractor or subcontractor of any tier shall not be liable when such general contractor or subcontractor contracts with its direct subcontractor who violates subsection 1 of Section 285.530, RSMo if the contract binding the contractor and subcontractor affirmatively states that the direct subcontractor is not knowingly in

violation of subsection 1 of Section 285.530, RSMo and shall not henceforth be in such violation and the contractor or subcontractor receives a sworn affidavit under the penalty of perjury attesting to the fact that the direct subcontractor's employees are lawfully present in the United States.

13. **Enforceability:** If a recipient fails to comply with all applicable state requirements governing these funds, the State of Missouri may withhold or suspend, in whole or in part, funds awarded under the award or recover misspent funds following an audit. This provision is in addition to all other remedies provided to the State of Missouri for recovery of misspent funds available under all applicable state laws.
14. **Equipment:** Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost, which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the agency for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. Expenditures for equipment shall be in accordance with the approved budget. The recipient shall use and manage equipment in accordance with its procedures as long as the equipment is used for its intended purposes. When original or replacement equipment acquired under this award by the recipient is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by DPS/OHS, you must request instructions from DPS/OHS to make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, Division of Grants, Administrative Guide for Homeland Security Grants.
15. **Fair Labor Standards Act:** All recipients of state funds will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hour's provisions of the [Section 290.502 RSMo](#).
16. **Financial Reporting Requirements:** The recipient agrees to complete and submit any financial reports required for this program when requested by the DPS/OHS. Failure to submit reports by the deadline dates may result in delay for reimbursement requests and/or cancellation of the award.
17. **Fire Agency Requirements:** Fire agencies must be compliant with the requirements listed below and must maintain compliance throughout the period of performance.
 - a. **Section 320.271 RSMo Fire Department Registration:** Pursuant to [Section 320.271 RSMo](#), all fire protection districts, fire departments, and all volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300 shall complete and file with the state fire marshal within sixty days after January 1, 2008 and annually thereafter, a fire department registration form provided by the state fire marshal.
18. **Fund Availability:** The recipient understands all awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. It is understood and agreed upon that, in the event funds from state sources are not appropriated, are otherwise unavailable, or are not continued at an aggregate level sufficient to cover the costs under this award, or in the event of a change in state law relevant to these costs, the obligations of each party hereunder shall thereupon be terminated immediately upon receipt

of written notice. The recipient further understands and agrees that neither the DPS/OHS nor the State of Missouri shall be liable for any costs, injuries, or other damages, liquidated or otherwise, caused by or related to a lack of funds or withholdings.

19. **Governing Directives:** The recipient assures that it shall comply, and all its subcontractors as applicable shall comply, with the applicable provisions of the “SFY 2026 Volunteer Fire Department Grant (VFDG) Notice of Funding Opportunity”, Missouri Office of Homeland Security, Division of Grants, Administrative Guide for Homeland Security Grants, DPS/OHS Information Bulletin’s and applicable state laws, orders, or regulations.
20. **Grant Reporting:** Status Reports are required to be submitted through the WebGrants system.
21. **Interoperability Equipment:** To meet SAFECOM requirements all radios must comply with the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director DPS Grants Radio Interoperability Guidelines located at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/documents/radio-interoperability-guidelines.pdf>. The Missouri Interoperability Center will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the Radio Interoperability Guidelines.
22. **Lobbying:** The recipient understands and agrees that state funds cannot be used, either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government.
23. **Missouri Office of Homeland Security, Division of Grants, Administrative Guide:** To follow the grant program guidelines as stated in the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, Division of Grants, Administrative Guide for Homeland Security Grants, as well as the Information Bulletins released by DPS/OHS to provide important updates, clarifications and policy statements related to DPS/OHS grant programs.
24. **Monitoring:** The recipient agrees to maintain the records necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the project. In addition, the recipient assures that all documentation or records relating to this award shall be made available to monitoring representatives of the DPS/OHS, the Office of Missouri State Auditor, or any of their authorized representatives immediately upon request. The recipient assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the DPS/OHS shall prescribe, will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under this award.
25. **Non-Supplanting:** The recipient assures that state funds made available under this award will not be used to supplant other state and local funds but will be used to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of these funds, be made available for the activities of this project.
26. **Procurement:** The recipient assures that all procurement transactions whether negotiated or competitively bid and without regard to dollar value shall be conducted in a manner to provide maximum open and free competition. In addition, the recipient assures that all procurement transactions will meet the minimum standards set forth in the “Missouri Office of Homeland

Security, Division of Grants, Administrative Guide for Homeland Security Grants” and identified here:

- a. All quotations and the rationale behind the selection of a source of supply shall be retained, attached to the purchase order copy, and placed in the accounting files.
 - b. Purchases to a single vendor totaling less than \$10,000 may be purchased with prudence on the open market.
 - c. Purchases estimated to total between \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 to a single vendor, must be competitively bid, but need not be solicited by mail or advertisement.
 - d. Purchases with an estimated total of \$100,000 or over to a single vendor shall be advertised for bids in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation in such places as are most likely to reach prospective bidders at least five days before bids for such purchases are to be opened.
 - e. Where only one bid or positive proposal is received, it is deemed to be sole source procurement.
 - f. Sole source procurement on purchases to a single vendor of \$10,000 and over requires prior approval from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.
27. **Reimbursement:** Expenditures shall be in accordance with the approved budget and documentation in the form of paid bills and vouchers shall support each expenditure. Care shall be given to assure that all items purchased directly relate to the specific project objectives for which the award was approved.
28. **Relationship:** The recipient agrees that it will represent itself to be an independent recipient offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself or its employees to be employees of the DPS/OHS. (This provision is not applicable to the DPS/OHS or any of its divisions or programs.) Therefore, the recipient shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers’ compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc.
29. **Release of Funds:** The recipient acknowledges no funds will be disbursed under this award until such time as all required documents is signed by the recipient Authorized Official returned to the DPS/OHS for final review and signed by the Director or designee.
30. **Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:** The recipient shall not make false statements or claims in connection with any funds awarded by the DPS/OHS. The result of such false statements or claims includes fines, imprisonment, and debarment from participating in state grants or contracts, and/or other remedy by law. The recipient must promptly refer to the DPS/OHS any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or any other person has, in connection with funds under this award, either:

- a. Submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or
- b. Committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award, must also be reported to the DPS/OHS by one of the following methods:

Mail: Missouri Department of Public Safety
Office of Homeland Security
Attn: DPS Grants
P.O. Box 749
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0749

Email: dpsgrants@dps.mo.gov

DPS/OHS Fax: (573) 526-9012

The DPS/OHS reserves the right to suspend or terminate grant funding pending the review of a report of fraud, waste, or abuse relating to funds under this award.

31. **Subaward Adjustments:** The recipient understands that any deviation from the approved award must have prior approval from the DPS/OHS. No additional funding shall be awarded to a recipient (unless specifically notified by the DPS/OHS of additional funding being awarded), but changes to budget lines may be possible if the request is allowable and within the scope of the guidelines. Prior approval must be requested as a 'Budget Revision' via the 'Subaward Adjustment' component of WebGrants.
32. **Supplies/Operations:** Expenditures for supplies and operating expenses shall be in accordance with the approved budget and documentation in the form of paid bills and vouchers shall support each expenditure. Care shall be given to assure that all items purchased directly relate to the specific project objectives for which the contract was approved.
33. **Suspension/Debarment:** The recipient acknowledges, pursuant to debarment and suspension regulations implemented at 1 CSR 40-1.060, and to other related requirements, that the State does not consider bids submitted by a suspended or debarred vendor. The recipient therefore certifies that it will not consider bids submitted by a suspended or debarred vendor for procurements made because of this award.
34. **Suspension/Termination of Award:** The DPS/OHS reserves the right to suspend or terminate any award entered into as a result of this award at its sole discretion and without penalty or recourse by giving written notice to the recipient of the effective date of suspension or termination. In the event of termination pursuant to this paragraph, all documents, data, and reports prepared by the recipient under the award shall, at the option of the DPS/OHS, become property of the State of Missouri.

In the event a award is suspended or permanently terminated, the DPS/OHS may take action as deemed appropriate to recover any portion of the award funds remaining or an amount equal to the portion of the award funds wrongfully used.

35. **Texting While Driving**: Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the DPS/OHS encourages the recipient to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
36. **Turnout Gear Maintenance Policy**: The recipient understands, if monies are requested and awarded for the purchase of turnout gear, the fire agency must have a policy to document cleaning and maintenance processes and procedures for turnout gear. The recipient will be required to forward a copy of such policy(s) and procedure(s) to the DPS/OHS at the time of claim submission.
37. **Unlawful Employment Practices**: The recipient assures compliance with [Section 213.055 RSMo](#) in regards to non-discrimination in employment practices as it relates to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, or disability.

NOTE: Articles of Agreement in the final Award Agreement may be different than the above listed Certified Assurances.