Wichita Falls Area COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation (WFACF), in partnership with The Priddy Foundation, established the Volunteer Fire Department Fund in 2006. Since that time, The Priddy Foundation, WFACF, and area citizens have continued to make donations to the fund. WFACF promotes the VFD Fund throughout the year, with special emphasis during Texoma Gives, our annual giving day held in September each year.

Eligible Counties:
Texas Counties: Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Haskell, Hardeman, Jack, King, Knox, Montague, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young, Wilbarger, Wise, and Wichita
Oklahoma Counties: Comanche, Cotton, Jackson, Jefferson, Stephens, and Tillman

As you request funding for your Volunteer Fire Department, please consider the following:

Priority Areas of Funding:
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as safety clothing, breathing apparatus, etc.
- Communication devices, such as radios and pagers
- Truck matches; if funds are available, WFACF will award 10% of a truck match up to $20,000
- Truck parts, such as tires, windshields, transmissions, brakes, etc.

Secondary Areas of Funding:
- Miscellaneous fire equipment, such pumps, nozzles, hoses, etc.
- Miscellaneous equipment, such as jaws of life, chainsaws, etc.
- First Responder equipment
- Medical equipment/supplies

Requests will not be considered for:
- Buildings and/or building acquisitions
- Equipment losses that are covered by insurance

Additional considerations when submitting an application:
- WFACF raises funds for the Volunteer Fire Department Grant Cycle by writing grants to various foundations and marketing to individuals. WFACF has a limited amount of funds to distribute in each grant cycle. The amount of funds available depends on the amount of donations WFACF has received and any grants we have been awarded from other foundations. The award decisions are based on the number of VFD applications received, the dollar amount of funds requested, and the amount of funding that is available for that grant cycle.
- An average VFD grant award ranges from $1,000 to $10,000
- The WFACF Grant Committee uses the following average cost of equipment for most PPE and other routinely requested items/equipment. From time to time, WFACF requests quotes from various multiple organizations and reviews VFD requests as research to determine our average funding amounts based on the current cost of routinely requested equipment.
- Bunker Gear - Coat/Pants/Helmet = $3,600 set
- Wildland Gear - Coat/Pants (Or bibs)/Helmet = $950 set