



Support the State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance Programs



The State Fire Assistance (SFA) and Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) programs provide crucial financial and technical assistance to states and local fire departments for wildland fire prevention, detection, and suppression.

In 2017, over 71,000 wildfires consumed more than ten million acres and 8,000 homes nationwide. Eighty-one percent of those wildfires and 50 percent of the acreage burned were on state and private lands. State forestry agency and local firefighters are the first to respond to these fires, as well as the majority of wildland fires that start on federal lands.

SFA and VFA help train and equip these local and state firefighters, who in turn, play a crucial role in keeping fires and their costs as small as possible.

In FY 2017 alone, SFA and VFA:

- Trained more than 58,000 firefighters.
- Provided more than \$13.5 million dollars in new or upgraded equipment.
- Helped more than 3,100 communities develop and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans, risk assessments, or fire management plans.
- Treated hazardous fuels on 83,845 acres (with another 92,276 acres treated with leveraged funding from partners).

In FY20, the nation's state and territorial foresters recommend allocating \$87 million (SFA) and \$18 million (VFA) to deliver critical assistance to state and local fire departments for wildland fire prevention, detection, and suppression.

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