



Capacity Building At A Glance

	FY 2023	Inception through FY23
Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2001 by House Bill 2604 Provides grants to rural VFDs for firefighting vehicles, fire/rescue equipment, protective clothing, computer systems, dry hydrants, and firefighter training Currently funded at \$16,799,313 million per year 	47 Truck Grants 347 Equipment Grants 2,155 Tuition Grants 120 Training Aids 4,782 Trainees \$16,448,993.03	2,118 Truck Grants 10,676 Equipment Grants 29,517 Tuition Grants 1,868 Training Aids 99,395 Trainees \$339,392,794.57
Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds: Federal funds used by RVFDAP	\$1,203,482.62	\$12,094,161.85
Emergency Grants (through RVFDAP): Available for states of disaster (replacement/repair of damaged or lost equipment) and catastrophic losses (cost-share apparatus or other HB 2604 program elements, or repair/replacement of essential equipment)	163 State of Disaster Grants \$1,012,860.44	470 State of Disaster Grants \$2,504,609.74
	30 Catastrophic Loss Grants \$716,575.25	103 Catastrophic Loss Grants \$3,177,511.46
DoD Firefighter Property (FFP) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2010 Provides excess Department of Defense military property to VFDs. Ownership of the equipment is passed from the federal government to the fire department. 	47 Assists 47 Items \$6,398,424.18	988 Assists 1,217 Items \$106,067,557.34
Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in 1949, launched in Texas in 1975 Provides excess federal property on loan at no cost to VFDs 	Actively Assigned Property: 217 Communities 312 Assets \$12,415,450.93	6,269 Communities 6,314 Assets \$97,380,519.47
Helping Hands Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 1997 by House Bill 680 Allows donations of used fire/rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to be made available to VFDs while relieving donors of liability 	123 Departments \$1,534,695.00	1,2297 Departments \$36,992,741.90
Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB 3667) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2001 by House Bill 3667 Reimburses eligible VFDs for insurance (workers' comp., death/disability, accident/sickness, etc.) from private Texas insurance companies Reimburses 100% of the actual cost, up to a maximum of \$185 per fire department member Funded by a 2% sales tax on the sale of fireworks Application period: November 1 - July 31 	14,800 Firefighters 634 Departments \$2,191,377.99	263,905 Firefighters 10,548 Departments \$26,380,547.20
Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2009 Provides grants to career fire departments and non-2604 eligible VFDs for firefighting vehicles and training tuitions Currently funded at \$1 million per year from insurance maintenance taxes/fees 	139 Tuition Grants 309 Trainees 2 Fire Apparatus \$996,654.92	2,324 Tuition Grants 9,939 Trainees 60 Fire Apparatus \$13,647,223.37
VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program (Risk Pool) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 1995 by Senate Bill 1232 Provides low cost vehicle liability insurance, \$75/vehicle/year Coverage levels: \$100k per person for bodily injury, max \$300k per occurrence; \$100k for property damage, max \$100k per occurrence 	144 VFDs 653 Vehicles	664 VFDs 5,411 Vehicles