

# Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 291 Balsam, NC 28707



February 7, 2024

Mrs. Darlene Fox  
Jackson County Interim Manager  
401 Grindstaff Cove Road  
Sylva, NC 28779

Re: 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget Request

Dear Mrs. Fox,

The Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department would like to express our appreciation to Jackson County and especially to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners for your financial support over the last two budget cycles, and your willingness to consider our request for an appropriation in the Jackson County 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget to provide the necessary local match for the North Carolina Volunteer Fire Grant administered through the NC Department of Insurance.

This volunteer fire grant program is available to volunteer fire departments that meet certain state guidelines and is a great way for small rural departments to fund capital needs, purchase personal protective equipment, etc. that carry huge price tags. The maximum total amount of state grant dollars that any one department can receive is \$40,000. The NC Department of Insurance has created a list of items that are eligible grant expenditures. The equipment must be maintained at the fire station for which the grant was awarded and be used in helping provide fire protection to the district the department serves. The grant applications are due by March 1, 2024. The award notification will occur on May 15, 2024. Departments receiving the grant can move forward with purchases after May 15, 2024, and have until September 2024 to submit back to the NC Department of Insurance the required invoices and bank statements to show that items were purchased and received. Once having received the required documentation, the NC Department of Insurance will provide the fire department with a check for the state grant amount.

Balsam Fire Department is looking to submit an application for the 2024 NC Volunteer Fire Grant in the amount of \$80,164 to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) to comply with NFPA standards, acquire some additional loose equipment to comply with the NC Department of Insurance requirements of needed equipment to be carried on a certified fire apparatus, and

new battery powered rescue tools to replace an outdated tool we currently are using. Of this total grant amount, \$40,000 is the required local match that we are requesting assistance with from Jackson County.

Equipment Breakdown with approximate projected costs:

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost
Traditional Firefighting Helmets	7	\$440.00	\$3,080.00
Nomex Firefighting Hoods	6	\$50.00	\$300.00
Firefighting Gloves	10	\$110.00	\$1,100.00
Firefighting Boots	6	\$450.00	\$2,700.00
Attic Ladder	2	\$515.00	\$1,030.00
Gas Powered Chainsaw	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Electric Powered Chainsaw (with carbide chains, charger, batteries)	3	\$1,368.00	\$4,104.00
Rubber Fire Hose (1 ¾ inch diameter X 50 foot section)	4	\$160.00	\$640.00
Jacketed Fire Hose (1 ¾ inch diameter X 50 foot section)	8	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
Rubber Fill Hose (3 inch X 25 foot section)	3	\$280.00	\$840.00
Rubber Fill Hose (3 inch X 50 foot section)	3	\$250.00	\$750.00
Set of Multi-Purpose Gear (forest fire and extrication)	21	\$1,400.00	\$29,400.00
Genesis Battery Powered Spreader Rescue Tool	1	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00
Genesis Battery Powered Cutter Rescue Tool	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Genesis Multiport Charging Station	1	\$160.00	\$160.00
Genesis Rescue Tool Batteries	4	\$240.00	\$960.00
<b>Total Equipment Costs:</b>			<b>\$80,164.00</b>
<b>Local Match Required</b> <i>(Jackson Co. allocates to Balsam VFD)</i>			<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>NC Department of Insurance Grant Amount</b>			<b>\$40,000.00</b>

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Thomas McMahan  
Fire Chief

# **Canada Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department**

Post Office Box 58  
Tuckasegee, NC 28783  
293-5117  
Established 1978

Jackson County Commissioners,

The Canada Volunteer Fire Department is requesting assistance with purchasing eight MSA G1 SCBA's at a cost of \$9,740 each and replacing 4 MSA G1 SCBA batteries at a cost of \$455 each, through the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal Fire Grant. The total for this purchase will be approximately \$80,000. The state of North Carolina will provide assistance with half of this amount. The fire department will be responsible for the other half of this expense. Last year, the county assisted our fire department with half of the grant total. If the county assists us this year as well, it will allow us to utilize nearly the full grant amount the state is offering.

Canada Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chief

Terry McCall

QUALLA FIRE AND RESCUE GRANT PROPOSAL

Total Cost (\$) \$81,381.84

<u>Category</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Cost (Each)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Digital Equipment (Computers & Cameras)	Desktop Printer or Desktop Printer/Scanner (No ID Makers)	2	473.00	\$946.00
Digital Equipment (Computers & Cameras)	Thermal Imager (List Accessories in the notes field)	2	4,092.22	\$8,184.44
Electrical Equipment	Multi-Gas Monitor	2	1,233.31	\$2,466.62
Extrication, Stabilization, Forcible Entry	Tool Sets (Corded or Cordless)	2	1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Hose, Streams, Appliances	Hydrant Flow Test Kit	1	1,206.70	\$1,206.70
Personal Protective	SCBA Spare Bottle w/New Valves	1	1,656.41	\$1,656.41
Personal Protective	SCBA Spare Bottle w/New Valves	16	1,247.29	\$19,956.64
Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Boots NFPA 1971	8	518.10	\$4,144.80
Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Coats NFPA 1971 (Not for Technical Rescue incidents)	8	2,145.00	\$17,160.00
Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Gloves NFPA 1971	8	98.41	\$787.28

Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Helmets NFPA 1971	12	378.92	\$4,547.04
Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Hood NFPA 1971	8	32.76	\$262.08
Personal Protective	Turnout Gear, Pants NFPA 1971 (Not for Technical Rescue Incidents)	8	1,540.00	\$12,320.00
Scene Management	RIT Pak With Bottle and Regulator	1	5,743.83	\$5,743.83

# Savannah Fire Department

18 Ralph Tatham Rd.

P: (828)586-2900

savannahfiredepartment@gmail.com

Sylva, NC 28779

State Grant 2024

Item #	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Discount	Price
1	<b>PGI Particulate Hood</b>	5	\$ 129.80		\$ 649.00
2	<b>Globe GXL Coat</b>	5	\$ 1,837.00		\$ 9,185.00
3	<b>Globe GPS Pant</b>	5	\$ 1,358.50		\$ 6,792.50
4	<b>Thorogood QR-14 Boot</b>	5	\$ 396.00		\$ 1,980.00
5	<b>Cairns XF1 Helmet</b>	5	\$ 346.50		\$ 1,732.50
6	<b>HexArmor 8180 Structural Glove</b>	5	\$ 89.50		\$ 447.62
7	<b>Streamlight Vantage 180 x USB</b>	10	\$ 82.50		\$ 825.00
8	<b>Elkhart Chief XD mid-range nozzle 75psi</b>	10	\$ 770.00		\$ 7,700.00
9	<b>MSA Adapter Assy. and cartridges</b>	4	\$ 147.50		\$ 590.00
10	<b>FirePro 300 T.I.C with retractible lynard</b>	8	\$ 1,408.00		\$ 11,264.00
11	<b>Sthl HTA 135 Telescoping pole pruner with 2 batteries and charger</b>	1	\$ 1,519.36		\$ 1,519.36
12	<b>Sthl MSA 300 C-O Chain Saw w/ 20in. Bar with battery</b>	2	\$ 1,199.99		\$ 2,399.96
13	<b>AL 301 4 Multi Charger</b>	1	\$ 349.99		\$ 349.99
14	<b>Sthl High - Vis 6 layer protective chainsaw chaps</b>	1	\$ 141.99		\$ 141.99
15	<b>F-500 Encapsulation Agent</b>	12	\$ 182.00		\$ 2,184.00
16	<b>Hurst R521 E3 Ram 9Ah Package</b>	2	\$ 8,998.00		\$ 17,996.00
17	<b>Kenwood 3300 Walkie</b>	4	\$ 909.27		\$ 3,637.08
18	<b>Viper Viking VP5430F2 Raido W/ Charger</b>	3	\$ 2,601.93		\$ 7,805.79
19	<b>Motorola Minitor VI Pager</b>	5	\$ 567.99		\$ 2,839.95
Invoice Subtotal					\$ 80,039.74
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<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 80,039.74</b>