

2024

**VOLUNTEER RESCUE
UNITS/EQUIPMENT CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT**

**REPORT FOR
NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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Re: Report on Standalone Volunteer Rescue Units Equipment & Capital Improvement Grants

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Director Matteson:

Pursuant to Section 30.6(c) of S.L. 2023-134, please find enclosed herewith the Office of State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) report on the Volunteer Rescue Units Equipment & Capital Improvements Grants. The report provides information regarding (1) the total number of grants awarded, by county; (2) the name of each eligible standalone volunteer rescue unit to which a grant was awarded, by county and by city, if applicable; and (3) the amount of the grant awarded to each eligible standalone volunteer rescue unit.

The General Assembly has my gratitude for its continued commitment to supporting the volunteer rescue units throughout our state. The resources provided through this program play an important

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role in helping volunteer rescue units purchase essential equipment and facilitating capital improvements. I thank you for allowing OSFM to have a role in this vital grant program. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

Brian Taylor

Brian Taylor
State Fire Marshal

Volunteer Rescue Units/Equipment & Capital Improvements Fund (Standalone Grant)

Pursuant to Section 30.6 of S.L. 2023-134, as amended by Section 11.92 of S.L. 2023-151, the General Assembly directed the Office of the State Fire Marshal (“OSFM”) to establish and administer a special grant program to provide grants in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to eligible standalone volunteer rescue units for the purpose of purchasing equipment and making capital improvements. The General Assembly dedicated the sum of \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium for these standalone grants. Grants for equipment are limited to \$25,000 and grants for capital improvements are limited to \$200,000. Each grant applicant is required to match an equipment grant with 10 percent (10%) of the grant amount in non-State funds and a capital improvement grant with five percent (5%) of the grant amount in non- State Funds. The grant opened August 15, 2024, and the closing date was extended due to Hurricane Helene until November 15, 2024.

1. A grant to applicant who is required may not exceed \$25,000 for equipment and \$200,000 for capital improvement.
2. Grant may be used to purchase equipment and make capital improvements

A Rescue Unit is eligible for grant through fund if:

1. It is volunteer, may have (10) paid positions or paid part-time equivalent; and
2. Contact and Charter on file with OSFM

The major emphasis of this program is safety. OSFM takes pride in helping rescue units obtain the equipment necessary to keep the citizens of North Carolina safe. Each application is reviewed by staff and scored using a non-subjective point system. The point system is based on the applicant's financial status or funding received from the county and/or municipality.

Every eligible rescue unit in North Carolina was notified through the online application and a detailed letter of instructions was emailed to on August 15, 2024. Online applications were accepted through November 15, 2024.

There were 26 applications received for evaluation. Of these, 22 rescue units received the volunteer rescue units equipment & capital improvement grant. Two units did not receive a grant because funds were exhausted and two units did not meet qualifications. 18 applications were withdrawn, disqualified, or incomplete.

Note: Applications withdrawn due to EMS billing disqualifies department on this grant.

■ Requested Monies:	\$2,000,000.00
■ Available Monies:	\$2,000,000.00
■ Approved Monies:	\$2,000,000.00

Attached to this report you will find a list of approved units by county, along with amounts awarded. All departments submitting an application were notified by email of their approved and non-approved status on December 15, 2024.

Approved rescue units can now purchase equipment and/or begin capital improvement projects. Once purchased, documentation (invoices and proof of payments) will need to be uploaded to a grant portal for review by staff. The payments are delivered by mail or electronic transfer. Funds will be deposited into each approved department once all grant requirements are met. The equipment purchased through this grant remain must in the possession of the grant recipient for a minimum of five years and is subject inspection or audit carried out by OSFM inspections staff.

Note: All departments are required have a site ID by completing a W9 form. Site ID's are created by the Office of the State Controller. This ensures funds are released accurately and in a timely manner. Any remaining monies will be issued to units that did not receive full funding.

2024 Volunteer Rescue Units/Equipment Capital Improvement Grant
Approved Applications by County

Departments		FDID	Requested	Approved
Alamance				
Alamance County Rescue Squad		00150	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$200,000.00
Alleghany				
Alleghany County Rescue Squad, Inc.		00350	\$170,932.14	\$162,385.53
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$162,385.53
Ashe				
Ashe County Rescue Squad, Inc.		00550	\$66,327.12	\$45,395.66
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$45,395.66
Catawba				
Catawba Rescue Squad, Inc.		01850	\$234,706.96	\$146,304.25
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$146,304.25
Davidson				
The Thomasville Rescue Squad, Inc. Davidson County Rescue Squad, Inc.		02953	\$173,180.00	\$25,000.00
		02950	\$217,895.90	\$169,015.25
	#Approved:	2		
	County Totals:	2		
				\$194,015.25
Davie				
The Davie Rescue Squad, Inc.		03050	\$25,000.00	\$22,500.00
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$22,500.00
Hoke				
Hoke County Rescue Squad, Incorporated		04750	\$25,670.10	\$23,103.09
	#Approved:	1		
	County Totals:	1		
				\$23,103.09

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Approved Applications by County

Jackson

The Jackson County Rescue Squad, Incorporated	05053	\$160,453.00	\$151,557.48
#Approved:	1		
County Totals:	1		
			\$151,557.48

Person

Roxboro-Person County Rescue Squad, Inc.	07350	\$233,054.00	\$220,148.60
#Approved:	1		
County Totals:	1		
			\$220,148.60

Richmond

Richmond County Rescue Squad	07750	\$19,900.00	\$18,455.00
#Approved:	1		
County Totals:	1		
			\$18,455.00

Robeson

Red Springs Rescue Squad, Inc.	07855	\$24,474.29	\$22,026.86
Rowland Rescue Squad, Inc.	07858	\$40,000.00	\$37,000.00
#Approved;	2		
County Totals:	2		
			\$59,026.86

Scotland

Scotland County Rescue Squad, Inc.	08350	\$24,997.97	\$22,498.17
#Approved:	1		
County Totals:	1		
			\$22,498.17

Stanly

Rescue Unit Of Stanly County, Inc.	08450	\$282,108.00	\$225,000.00
#Approved:	1		
County Totals:	1		
			\$225,000.00

Surry

Mountain Park Rescue Squad, Inc.	08656	\$20,000.00	\$190,000.00
Mount Airy Rescue Squad, Inc.	08653	\$11,553.49	\$10,398.14
Dobson Rescue Squad, Inc.	08651	\$26,281.10	\$20,952.99
#Approved:	3		
County Totals:	3		
			\$221,351.13

2024 Volunteer Rescue Units/Equipment Capital Improvement
Grant Approved Applications by County

Swain

Swain County Rescue Squad	08750	\$19,996.14	\$17,996.53
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#Approved:	1		
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County Totals:	1		
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\$17,996.53

Vance

The Vance Life Saving & Rescue Squad, Inc	09150	\$210,051.17	\$155,833.05
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#Approved:	1		
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County Totals:	1		
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\$155,833.05

Wake

Rescue, Extrication & Delivery Specialists, Inc.	09258	\$54,717.00	\$51,085.30
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#Approved:	1		
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County Totals:	1		
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\$51,085.30

Yadkin

Yadkin County Rescue Squad & E.M.S., Inc.	09950	\$66,678.00	\$63,344.10
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#Approved:	1		
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County Totals:	1		
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\$63,344.10

Grant Totals

		\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
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#Approved:	22		
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Final Totals	22		
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2024 Volunteer Rescue Units/Equipment Capital Improvement Grant
Non-Approved Applications By County

Departments	FDID	Requested	Approved
Catawba			
Claremont Rescue Squad, Inc.	01852	\$18,301.48	\$0.00
Maiden Rescue Squad, Inc.	01854	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
#Approved:	2		
County Totals:	2		
Grant Totals		\$118,301.48	\$0.00
#Non-Approved:	2		
Final Totals	2		