

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

2018 Wildland Fire Resource Funding Guidelines



The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) is required by State Law to administer and manage programs to assist local jurisdictions with safe and effective wildland fire response. Funding for wildland firefighting resources under these various programs are eligible for reimbursement to any Colorado County Sheriff, fire protection district, or municipal fire department in accordance with the following guidelines. **Funding and reimbursement will occur to the extent that program funds are available.**

| Summary of Eligible Resources | | | |
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| Resource – ¹ | Initial Attack Period (Not to Exceed 24 hours) | 2 nd Operational Period | 3+ Operational Periods |
| Hand Crew | Yes – ² | Yes – ² | No |
| DFPC Engines | Yes – ³ | Yes – ³ | Yes – ⁴ |
| DFPC Overhead | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ |
| Type 3 Helicopter | Yes | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ |
| Type 2 Helicopter | Yes | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ |
| Type 1 Helicopter | Yes | No | No |
| Single Engine Air Tanker | Yes | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ |
| Large Air Tanker | Yes | No | No |
| Very Large Air Tanker | Yes – ⁴ | No | No |
| Multi-Mission Aircraft | Yes | Yes | Yes – ⁴ |
| Aerial Supervision | Yes | Yes – ⁴ | Yes – ⁴ |

Notes:

- 1 DFPC must be notified as soon as possible via State Emergency Line (303-279-8855) for usage that exceeds either 1 hour of rotor time for any helicopter and/or 1 drop from any air tanker.
- 2 2 hand crew days allowed if ordered within the first 2 days of the incident.
- 3 Use of DFPC Engines is allowed during the first 48 hours of an incident with no charge to local government.
- 4 Resource use must be pre-approved by DFPC Operations Chief or designee.

Funding Requests and Notifications

- As stated in Note 1 above, **notification to DFPC must occur as soon as possible via the State Emergency Line (303-279-8855)** if there are multiple hours of helicopter time or multiple air tanker drops on an incident. If the requesting agency is expecting the State of Colorado to pay for any amount of resource use, that agency **must formally notify DFPC** after the incident as indicated below.
- All funding and reimbursement requests *must* be made to DFPC within 7 days of resource use. All requests should be documented on the *DFPC Wildfire Funding Notification and Request* form, and must include the following information: Who requested the resource (Sheriff, fire chief, etc.); Fire Name; Incident Number (whenever available); Resource Name(s); Dates of Use; and Copies of Resource Orders (whenever available). Formal funding and reimbursement requests can be made either via email to: wildlandfire@state.co.us with a carbon copy to the DFPC Regional FMO, or by using the online form that can be accessed at: <https://goo.gl/forms/HWEYDjTXxE5iG4F33>

| Additional Details – Hand Crews | |
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| Eligible | Hand crew logistics costs of lodging, camping, transportation/fuel and per diem. |
| | Crews must be qualified in accordance with applicable NWCG standard. |
| | Different crews may be used, but only for a total of 2 hand crew days per incident. |
| Not Eligible | Travel time to bring hand crews from outside Colorado. |
| | Crews utilized within their jurisdiction or utilized in accordance with pre- established Mutual Aid agreements. |
| Additional Details – Aviation Resources | |
| Eligible | Resource (s) utilized on state and private land fires, and for fires that occur within the federal mutual aid areas as defined in the County AOP. |
| | A combination of fixed and rotor wing resources may be funded on the same incident, subject to pre-approvals outlined above. |
| | Resource (s) beyond the first operational period may be approved by DFPC, based on factors such as fire potential, values at risk, defined mutual aid periods, boundary line fires, availability of funds, etc. |
| | Additional government helicopter personnel, support equipment and apparatus (helitack crew), as outlined in Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook and appropriate supplements. |
| | Fuel and support trucks assigned to aviation resources. Contracted vendor support crew, relief crew and other expenses to maintain aircraft availability. |
| | Daily availability costs of aircraft. |
| | Only OAS or USFS interagency FIRE carded pilots and aircraft, ordered through the procedures outlined in the County AOP. |
| Not Eligible | Non-operational flight time costs (ferry time, point to point etc.) to bring aerial resources to Colorado. |
| Process | 1. Requesting agency orders appropriate Kind and Type of resource(s). Consult the County AOP for the local, state, and interagency dispatch procedures to order aviation resources. |
| | 2. The Closest Forces concept will be utilized meaning that the closest available resource of the Kind and Type requested will be dispatched to the incident. |
| | 3. DFPC must be notified via the State Emergency Operations Line (303-279-8855) if multiple aviation resources are ordered on an incident. |
| | 4. Costs for resources utilized outside of these guidelines, will be charged to the requesting agency(ies). Actual costs vary by resource used. |
| Questions concerning this guidance should be directed to your DFPC Regional FMO. | |