



MONTANA COUNTY FIRE WARDENS ASSOCIATION

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Fire Warden's Training Grant Program Intent

The Montana County Fire Warden's Association applies annually for funding from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation through the Rural Fire Capacity Program. This funding is intended to support the training needs of fire wardens in Montana towards developing local capacity.

Priorities for funding

- Supporting biennial Wildfire Leadership Conference.
- Supporting training course costs that build capacity locally.
- Supporting training activities that can not be supported by other funding sources.

The Rural Fire Capacity Program is a matching grant program. When the Association reimburses an agency for a training activity, the match is paid out of the Association dues. So, it is vital that the training activity is fiscally affordable, builds local capacity, benefits our membership and does not have another funding source.

Process

Those wishing to attend a training course must have it pre-approved by the Association. Reimbursement requests that are not pre-approved may not be reimbursed.

Following the training, a reimbursement packet containing all supporting material must be submitted within 30 days.

Pending review of the reimbursement packet, a check for reimbursement will be issued. This usually occurs within a couple weeks.

Ineligible Expenses

- Out of state training is not eligible.
- We typically do not pay mileage.
- Incident Command System Course tuition.
- Training that does not build local capacity.
- Refresher training.