



The **American Rescue Plan** Act provides the Boone County Commission with \$4,167,771 in direct federal aid to assist our community in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Boone County received the first round of funding, approximately \$2 million, in 2021. In general, the American Rescue Plan Funds can be used to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to replace lost public revenues, to support economic stabilization, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, public health and broadband infrastructure. For additional information please see ARP State and Local Rules.¹

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages if needed. Once submitted this application and any supporting document is considered a public record and will be made available to the public and media upon request.

☐ PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Section One: Contact information

Name:

Danville Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Address:

P.O. Box 1480
220 Park Ave.
Danville, WV 25053

Website, if applicable:

www.danvillevfd.com

Phone number:

304-369-0232

¹ <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

danvillevfd100@gmail.com - department email

Email address:

chief@danvillevfd.com - chief email

Section Two: Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
3. Individuals or communities served
4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request
5. Amount of funding requested
6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
7. Amount and source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used
9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

The DVFD is requesting for purchase the following line items; 1. Truck payment 2. Truck tires for 3 apparatus. 3. Firefighting gear including coat and pants. 4. Firefighting helmets. Our initial response area is 65 square miles. We cover the Town of Danville, 23 miles of US Rt 119 and all branches off the 4 lane. We have the highest populated response area in the county as well as the most businesses within our coverage area. We are the busiest department in the county running an average of 500 calls per year.

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented our department from conducting any fundraising activities that may have been able to help us with these purchases. We normally conduct at least 2 fundraisers per year. Not being able to get out and sell tickets for those fundraisers was a real problem in achieving any type of fundraising goals.

The cost of this proposal is a total of \$180,900.00. Itemized list is as follows for each line item;

1. Truck loan payment - \$54,100.00
2. Truck Tires for three apparatus. Front tires x 6 @ \$1,200.00 each for a total of \$7,200.00 Rear tires x 12 @ 900.00 each for a total of \$10,800.00. Per truck cost of \$6,000.00. Total cost of \$18,000.00. Tires price vary on brand and size. Cost could be less at time of purchase.
3. Firefighting gear x 34 sets, one for each current member @ \$2,600.00 each. Total cost of \$88,400.00
4. Firefighting helmets x 34, one for each current member @ \$600 each. Total cost of \$20,400.00

If awarded this grant, the DVFD will use this money immediately. All items will be purchased using this money directly. The gear and helmets anticipated arrival would be 6-8 weeks after purchase. Tires would be purchased and placed on the trucks within a few weeks. The truck payment will be made in June 2022. It should be noted, that any amount that is granted to our department will be a huge help. I understand this is a lot of money to be asking for, but this is what our department is in need of the most. These are items that we must have up to date and within regulations set by NFPA and DOT to stay operational as a department.

Section Three: Proposal details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address.

Our department is in need of monetary assistance. Our County and State levy funds are nearly depleted. We currently have about \$35,000.00 in our accounts. That is less than the amount needed to pay our truck loan, which is the most important item on the list. Other purchases of tires, and gear have been pushed back for several years because of low funding. It is a high risk on our department and to the safety of our members, but it is a risk we are having to take at the moment.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

Our expected goal would be to obtaining full NFPA and DOT compliance. With these purchases our department would be within compliance of both. The greatest outcome would be to make our jobs safer. New tires would help prevent accidents while responding to the calls. New PPE will help prevent firefighter injuries and possibly even death. Newer gear has a higher rating for the heat we are seeing on the fires today and it allows your body to breath better preventing overheating and exhaustion. This gear is worn for every call type response. It is the only gear our members have to protect them while doing their duties day and night.

3. Please provide your project timeline, e.g., if funded when the project or proposal be fully implemented

This project would be fully implemented immediately upon being approved. All items would be ordered and placed in service as soon as possible.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

Truck loan payment -	\$54,100.00
Truck tires -	\$18,000.00
Firefighting gear -	\$88,400.00
Firefighting helmets -	\$20,400.00
Total	\$180,900.00

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Luckily we wouldn't have to purchase tires, gear or helmets for another 10 years. However we have began a billing per call process that was approved by the commission last year, which allows us to bill insurance companies for the fire or accident. It is our hope that money will allow us to keep up with purchases better as a supplement to our county and state levy funds.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

The objective of the Danville Volunteer Fire Department is to provide fire protection, to aid in civil defense emergencies, to aid all concerned in times of distress and emergencies, when and where the services are requested, without recognized boundaries or time, to help eliminate fire hazards, to foster public education of fire prevention and public safety.

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities.

The Danville VFD was established in 1932, the first organized fire department in the county, led by Fire Chief R.C Smith. The department became incorporated with the State of WV in 1952. Chief Smith and his crew built their very first firetruck by hand. Welding their own truck from a chassis the town helped them purchase. In 1975 our department was the first department in the southern counties to purchase the Hurst Jaws of Life. This was one of only 4 sets in the entire state at that time. This not only helped the citizens of Boone county but surrounding counties and beyond. Currently our department responds to an average of 500 calls per year, while assisting the other 7 departments in the county as well as departments in Logan and Lincoln counties for mutual aid response.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

The Danville VFD has a lot to be thankful for. Our first accomplishment would be the departments ISO rating of a Class 4. This rating helps our citizens sustain lower fire insurance on their homes. Keeping the cost down to our citizens is the main priority of the department. Another accomplishment which comes at the hand of the county would be the equipment we are able to purchase to better serve our people with. Without their continued support of the fire levy, the fire department would not exist. Lastly is the greatest accomplishment, one that I hope stays intact forever and that is no Line of Duty Deaths, and no major fire related injuries. We strive ourselves in being as safety smart as we can in an ever evolving dynamic in an already dangerous job that we get paid nothing to do.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Officers: Fire Chief Justin Chafin. Assistant Chief Tony Nichols. Assistant Chief Camron Ramsey. Captain Kris Barrett. Captain Matthew Miller. Lieutenant KR White. Lieutenant Greg Hager. Lieutenant Roy Williams. Board Members: President Tony Nichols. Vice President DJ Warner. Secretary Camron Ramsey. Treasure Brent Kirk. Board Member George Chafin. Board Member Jon Ball.

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

Fire Chief Justin Chafin. Justin is the Fire Chief and handles all operations for the Danville VFD. Department Treasure Brent Kirk. Brent handles all finances for the Danville VFD

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable: cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year, two years of audited financial statements, current operating budget. If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant.

7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

8. If you have made application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

Section Five: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request, e.g., reduction in services, closures, increased costs, impacts to the community.

During the last two years of the Covid-19 pandemic we have been unable to conduct our normal fundraising activities. Fundraisers take people to run them and organize them, and it has been safer for everyone to limit exposure than to come out in groups for these activities. We are hoping to jump start those again soon in the future to help with some of our operational costs.

2. If you are requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19, provide that information here. Attach documentation sufficient to verify your request.

3. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Being awarded this grant would be a huge lift from our financial burden as well as a liability risk our department is currently taking with outdated gear and equipment. For instance, if we are awarded enough money to pay our truck loan payment, we would be able to bank what money we would spend making that payment for the year. If we are able to purchase 5 or 10 sets of gear instead of 34, that is better than nothing which is what we can afford on our own currently. Anything we are awarded will make a huge impact to our department and to our community.

Section Six: Supplementary information

1. Please enter at least one third-party reference.

2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc.) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

Signature: 

Name (Print): Justin Chafin

Title: Chief

Date: February 4, 2022

➤ How to Submit an ARP Application to Boone County?

You may email it to pwhite@boonecountywv.net or mail to: Boone County Commission,
Attention County Administrator
206 Court St.

Madison, WV 25130.

For questions, call 304-369-7301 or email pwhite@boonecountywv.net