

# Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

## 2023 Wildland Fire Resource Funding Guidelines



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Colorado State law requires the Division of Fire Prevention and Control to administer and manage programs to assist local jurisdictions with safe and effective wildland fire response. Wildland firefighting resources under these various programs are eligible for funding and 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, and that notification and request procedures are followed.**

Enhanced State Assistance - Summary of Eligible Resources		
Resource – <sup>1</sup>	Mutual Aid Period – <sup>1</sup>	Beyond the Mutual Aid Period – <sup>1</sup>
Handcrew and Modules	Yes	Yes
DFPC Engines & Modules	Yes	Yes
DFPC Overhead	Yes	Yes
Type 1, 2, and 3 Helicopters	Yes	Yes
Single Engine Air Tanker	Yes	Yes
Large Air Tanker	Yes	Yes
Very Large Air Tanker - <sup>2</sup>	Yes – <sup>2</sup>	Yes – <sup>2</sup>
Multi-Mission Aircraft	Yes	Yes
Aerial Supervision	Yes	Yes

**Green** = Resource eligible for funding and reimbursement to the extent program funds are available.

**Yellow** = Resource may be approved for funding and reimbursement on an incident by incident basis by a DFPC Deputy Section Chief (or designee)

### **Notes:**

- 1 Funding and reimbursement is limited to non-mutual aid resources.
- 2 DFPC approval for usage of a VLAT must occur prior to ordering.
- 3 Initial attack is the priority for DFPC resources. Use of these resources beyond initial attack requires prior DFPC approval as noted above, and resources may be unavailable to remain on an incident due to emerging or other existing fires.

### **Notifications and Funding Requests**

- If multiple air tanker drops and/or multiple hours of helicopter time occur on an incident, **notification must be provided to DFPC (Battalion or District Chief) as soon as possible,**
- **Prior DFPC approval is required for funding and reimbursement of any resource use beyond the mutual aid period.** Requesting agency and DFPC staff will discuss incident status, tactics, values at risk, etc. prior to DFPC decisions for these requests.
- If the requesting agency is expecting funding and reimbursement from the State of Colorado to pay for any amount of resource use, that agency must **formally notify DFPC and make that request** within 7 days of resource use. All formal funding and reimbursement requests should be made by using the online form that can be accessed at: <https://goo.gl/forms/HWEYDjTXxE5iG4F33>. The requester must be prepared to provide the following information:

Who requested the resource (Sheriff, fire chief, etc.); Fire Name; Incident Number (whenever available); Mutual aid end date and time; Resource Name(s); Dates of Use; and copies of Resource Orders (whenever available).

<b>Enhanced State Assistance - Additional Details</b>	
<b>Not Eligible for Reimbursement</b>	Resources utilized within their jurisdiction or utilized in accordance with pre-established Mutual Aid plans and agreements are not eligible for funding and reimbursement.
	Costs for resources utilized outside of these guidelines will be charged to the requesting agency(ies). Actual costs will vary by resource utilized.
<b>Eligible Resources and Expenses</b>	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 Operating Plan.
	Refer to the County Operating Plan for Mutual Aid time periods and geographical boundaries.
	Resources must be qualified in accordance with applicable NWCG standard(s).
	Costs for Extended staffing (of DFPC managed resources), and Pre-position and Severity assignments (handcrews, modules, engines, overhead, and aviation resources). Approvals will be made prior to assignment, will be coordinated by DFPC District Chiefs, and will be based on DFPC Preparedness Levels, resource needs, and available funds.
	Logistical costs of lodging, camping, transportation/fuel and per diem.
	Resource funding and reimbursement beyond the mutual aid period may be approved by DFPC prior to use, based on factors such as fire potential, values at risk, defined mutual aid periods, boundary line fires, availability of funds, etc.
	Aviation - Only OAS or USFS interagency FIRE carded pilots and aircraft, ordered through the procedures outlined in the County Operating Plan.
	Aviation - Helitack related items (additional government helicopter personnel, support equipment and apparatus), as outlined in the Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management and appropriate supplements.
	Aviation - Additional aircraft support positions (aircraft dispatcher, tanker base support, aircraft timekeeper, etc.).
	Aviation - Expenses to maintain aircraft availability including contracted vendor support, crew, relief crew, and fuel and support trucks assigned to aviation resources.
	Aviation - Daily Availability costs of aviation resources.
<b>Ordering Process</b>	1. Requesting agency orders the appropriate Kind and Type of resource(s). Consult the County OP for the local, state, and interagency dispatch procedures to order aviation resources.
	2. Dispatch centers will use the "Closest Forces" concept.
	3. It is the requesting agency's responsibility to notify DFPC (District or Battalion Chief) when orders for multiple aviation resources occur as indicated on page 1 of these guidelines, or for resource use beyond the Mutual Aid period.
Contact your DFPC Fire Management Battalion Chief for additional clarification on these guidelines.	