

# Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

## 2017 Colorado Wildland Fire Resource Funding Guidelines



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Prevention & Control

Department of Public Safety

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 and reimbursement for wildland firefighting resources under these various programs are available to any Colorado County Sheriff, fire protection district, or municipal fire department in accordance with the following eligibility guidelines. Funding and reimbursement will occur to the extent that program funds are available.

| Summary of Eligible Resources |                                                   |                                    |                        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Resource                      | Initial Attack Period<br>(Not to Exceed 24 Hours) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Operational Period | 3+ Operational Periods |
| Hand Crew                     | Yes – <sup>1</sup>                                | Yes – <sup>1</sup>                 | No                     |
| DFPC Engines                  | Yes – <sup>5</sup>                                | Yes – <sup>5</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| DFPC Overhead                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                                | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| Type 3 Helicopter             | Yes                                               | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| Type 2 Helicopter             | Yes                                               | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| Type 1 Helicopter             | Yes – <sup>2</sup>                                | No                                 | No                     |
| Single Engine Air Tanker      | Yes                                               | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| Large Air Tanker              | Yes – <sup>2</sup>                                | No                                 | No                     |
| Very Large Air Tanker         | Yes – <sup>2, 3</sup>                             | No                                 | No                     |
| Multi-Mission Aircraft        | Yes                                               | Yes                                | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |
| Aerial Supervision            | Yes – <sup>4</sup>                                | Yes – <sup>3</sup>                 | Yes – <sup>3</sup>     |

### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> 2 hand crew days allowed if ordered within 48 hours of first report.
- <sup>2</sup> Either 1 hour of Type 1 rotor time or 1 drop from a LAT or VLAT allowed during Initial Attack.
- <sup>3</sup> Resource use must be pre-approved by DFPC Operations Chief or designee.
- <sup>4</sup> If required by RMA Mobilization Guide, aerial supervision resources will be allowed.
- <sup>5</sup> Use of available DFPC Engines is allowed during first 48 hours of the incident with no charge to local government.

### Funding Requests and Notifications

- The requesting agency *must* notify DFPC whenever the resources listed above are used, if the requesting agency is expecting the State of Colorado to pay for the resources.
- Notifications and requests must be made within 72 hours to DFPC via our online notification form, accessible via our website, or at <https://goo.gl/forms/2yW0vR5M8kxgen2x2>. If you are unable to access this form, please contact your FMO.

| <b>Additional Details – Hand Crews</b>                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Eligible</b>                                                                                                              | Up to 2 hand crew days within the first 2 calendar days of an incident beginning from time of departure to fire.                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                              | Hand crew logistics costs of lodging, camping, transportation/fuel and per diem.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                              | Type 1, Type 2 Initial Attack, or Type 2 crews qualified to NWCG standards.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                              | Hand crews should be ordered based on incident needs, crew Type and capabilities, and proximity to incident. There is a preference for the use and reimbursement of State of Colorado inmate crews.                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                              | Different crews may be used, but only for a total of 2 hand crew days per incident.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Not Eligible</b>                                                                                                          | Travel time to bring hand crews from outside Colorado.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Additional Details – Aviation Resources</b>                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Eligible</b>                                                                                                              | DFPC funding support can be utilized on state and private land fires, and for fires that occur in mutual aid areas as defined in the County AOP.                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                              | Multiple fixed and rotor wing resources (if needed) can be funded on the same incident.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                              | DFPC will reimburse and/or pay for eligible aviation resources during the initial attack period, contingent on available funding.                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                              | Funding support for incident aviation operations beyond the initial attack 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.                         |
|                                                                                                                              | Limited to reimbursement for the use of only one of the following resources per incident: Type 1 Helicopter (first hour of firefighting helicopter rotor time + pilot time); or Very Large/Large Air Tanker (first aerial tanker flight + drop + retardant) <sup>4</sup> |
|                                                                                                                              | Additional helicopter personnel (helitack crew).                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                              | Fuel and support trucks assigned to aviation resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                              | Daily availability costs of aircraft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                              | Only OAS or USFS carded or authorized aircraft, ordered through the procedures outlined in the County AOP, are eligible for DFPC funding and reimbursement.                                                                                                              |
| <b>Not Eligible</b>                                                                                                          | Ferry or flight time to bring aerial resources to Colorado.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Process</b>                                                                                                               | 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.                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                              | 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. DFPC will cover eligible costs regardless of whether the aircraft is a state or federally-managed resource.   |
|                                                                                                                              | DFPC must be notified via the State Emergency Operations Line (303-279-8855) if multiple aviation resources are ordered on an incident.                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                              | Costs for resources utilized outside of these DFPC guidelines, will be charged to the requesting agency(s). Actual costs vary by resource used.                                                                                                                          |
| Questions concerning this guidance and DFPC funding and reimbursement programs should be directed to your DFPC Regional FMO. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |