



STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Dear Governor Heineman, Clerk of the Legislature O'Donnell, and State Senators:

More than \$3.3 million of State of Nebraska funds were disbursed to Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts under Nebraska's Mutual Finance Assistance Fund in 2012-2013, as shown in the attached annual report. Like you, we are grateful for the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect our communities through these cooperative arrangements.

As you know, the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1998 to provide aid to rural or suburban Fire Protection Districts (FPDs) and Mutual Finance Organizations (MFOs) "for the purpose of financing operational and equipment needs for fire protection, emergency response, or training."

The Treasury Management Division of the State Treasurer's Office is responsible for receiving applications for these funds and disbursing the funds each year. In 2012-2013, a total of \$3,350,000 was disbursed to Nebraska's Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts.

Please contact Char Scott, director of Treasury Management, with questions or with examples of service by MFOs and FPDs that we might feature in future publications. You may contact her at 402-471-4146 or at char.scott@nebraska.gov. You also will find more information under the Treasury Management tab at our website, www.treasurer.org. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Don Stenberg".

Don Stenberg
Nebraska State Treasurer

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A REPORT ON THE 2012-2013 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
MUTUAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE ACT
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §35-1207(1)

To

Honorable Dave Heineman
Governor of Nebraska
And
Members of the
Nebraska Legislature

Prepared by



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**2012-2013 Mutual Finance Organization Report to the Legislature
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 35-1207(1)**

Total MFO Appropriated FY 2012-2013: \$3,350,000.00

Actual MFO Distributed FY 2012-2013: \$3,350,000.00

Total MFO funds applied for FY 2012-2013: \$3,925,130.00

Disbursements to MFOs were prorated at 85.3475 percent to meet the maximum appropriation of \$3,350,000.

Transfer to General Fund pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(3): \$3,858,512.50

MFO Distributions 2012-2013	
Banner	\$5,769.50
Boone	\$44,730.60
Box Butte	\$100,249.20
Brown	\$25,612.80
Burt	\$55,842.90
Butler	\$67,962.20
Colfax	\$91,833.90
Custer	\$88,018.90
Dakota	\$214,171.00
Dawson	\$221,399.90
Douglas/Millard	\$256,042.50
Gage	\$182,831.40
Garfield/Burwell	\$18,324.10
Grant/Sandhills	\$6,699.80
Hooker/Mullen	\$7,280.10
Jefferson	\$63,771.60
Johnson	\$45,720.70
Keya Paha	\$6,904.60
Knox	\$74,158.40
Lincoln	\$256,042.50
Logan/Stapleton	\$6,392.50
Madison	\$256,042.50
McPherson	\$4,591.70
Nance	\$29,957.00
Nemaha	\$55,714.80

Pawnee	\$22,361.00
Phelps	\$77,854.00
Pierce	\$57,131.60
Polk	\$40,821.70
Red Willow	\$95,051.50
Richardson	\$69,148.50
Rock	\$12,563.20
Saline	\$118,044.10
Saunders	\$166,274.00
Scotts Bluff	\$256,042.40
Seward	\$142,257.20
Thomas/Thedford	\$5,761.00
Wayne	\$100,624.70
Total	\$3,350,000.00

BANNER COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for capital improvements.

BOONE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO - FY 12-13. The four entities that make up the Box Butte Fire Protection District MFO used funding for operational and equipment needs and for training for their respective fire departments and fire protection districts.

BROWN COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were set aside for capital improvements and a fire truck for Ainsworth.

BURT COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funding was used to reduce equipment bond debt, to upgrade and re-secure fire equipment and to replace aging fire trucks.

BUTLER COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear, hose, safety equipment for fire trucks and training materials.

COLFAX COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used to purchase fire equipment, safety equipment, and fire training facilities and to conduct training.

CUSTER COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funding was used to purchase wild-land gear, boots, gloves, helmets, air-packs, foam, breathing filters, hoses, nozzles, med bed for JD Gator and numerous small items because of the long fire-fighting season.

DAKOTA COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funding was used for general operating expenses, such as utilities, training, insurance, supplies, propane, water tank, gear and equipment.

DAWSON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization based on a subdivision's property value as a percentage of the total MFO valuation. The funds are required to be used for emergency fire and rescue operations and equipment/capital acquisitions.

GAGE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used as follows: Two departments made payments on their pumper. One department made a payment on its grass truck. Other purchases were structural fire-fighting boots, fire hose, pagers, training, forcible entry tools, fire hydrants, structural fire-fighting protective clothing, self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders and man-saver bars on a grass truck.

GARFIELD COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13. During this fiscal year the Burwell Rural Fire District spent more than \$22,000 for insurance, \$13,000 for major repairs of equipment and \$17,000 for vehicle gas, repairs, and service.

GRANT COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for hoods, goggles, face masks, filters, one brush suit, brush gear, and bunker gear.

HOOKER COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used to purchase protective gear and equipment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for equipment purchases such as grass rigs, gear and capital improvements.

JOHNSON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funding was used for insurance, fuel, maintenance and equipment.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used to purchase fuel and repairs for fire trucks.

KNOX COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 money was spent on new fire-fighting equipment and supplies.

LINCOLN COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were deposited into the City's general fund to support the fire department budget which consists of 89 percent personnel and 11 percent operating costs for program and equipment. Programs are fire suppression, Paramedic Emergency Medical Services, Technician Level Hazmat Response, fire prevention, code enforcement and public education. Funds were also used for lease of (3) twelve lead Life Pak 15s for paramedic service program, two tankers, bunker gear, pager radio, grass rig, equipment repairs, repainting, motor, hoses, fuel, wild-land gear, hose lighting, training and miscellaneous equipment.

LOGAN COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used for bunker gear and flashlights.

MADISON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were distributed to members at the same ratio that taxable valuation of the participant is in relation to the total taxable valuation of all participants.

MCPHERSON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used to help offset the costs of maintenance, fuel, and repairs because of a large number of fire calls.

MILLARD MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used to augment property tax revenue, pay operating expenses, and provide fire and emergency medical services, which are provided through an interlocal agreement with the City of Omaha.

NANCE COUNTY MFO - FY 12-13 funds were distributed to members at the same ratio that taxable valuation of the participant is in relation to the total taxable valuation of all participants.

NEMAHA COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were distributed to members at the same ratio that taxable valuation of the participant is in relation to the total taxable valuation of all participants.

PAWNEE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were spent on fuel, supplies, equipment, insurance, and repairs.

PHELPS COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used as follows: Training expenses for firefighters and first responders, purchase of firefighting equipment, new pagers, life insurance, truck repairs, personnel protective gear, supplies to outfit a grass rig, upkeep of a fire hall, insurance, utilities, emergency communication lines, emergency sounding devices, debt service, individual and vehicle communication equipment, education materials for fire protection and property tax relief.

PIERCE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used for wild-land gear, bunker gear, and expenses.

POLK COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used for firefighter bunker gear, 2004 Ford F150 grass fire truck, radio equipment, gear lockers, and truck air pump.

RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization in two parts. One part will be distributed among members of the Red Willow County Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization in the same ratio that taxable valuation of the member is in relation to the total taxable valuation of all the members. The second part of the funds will be distributed among members in the same ration that the assumed population of the rural districts plus the estimated actual populations of the member cities and villages.

RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used for salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, Worker's Compensation insurance, utilities, truck purchase, fire building expenses, propane, and fees.

ROCK COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for pumps and motors for fire trucks.

SALINE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used on truck payments for previous purchases, capital equipment repairs and maintenance, radio replacement and upkeep, continuing education, improvements to buildings, miscellaneous fire gear and equipment.

SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization and used for part of a yearly payment for the acquisition of a command center, purchase/replacement of vehicles/trucks, engine equipment, Jaws of Life, air pack bottles, parking lot paving, bunker gear, hoses, nozzles, protective gear, boots, gloves, bunker pants, coats, hoods, portable radios, pagers, training, new insulation and roof, power cot, air packs, equipment repairs, demo saw and chain saw for extrication, supplies, rope, harnesses, repairs to a pump house, gutters, paint, downpayment for a new

tanker, 2100 gallon porta-pond, safety gear, updates on a heating system, repairs for a roof and ceiling, and purchase of two generators.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were distributed to the members of the organization and used for purchases and repairs of trucks/engines, PPE equipment, fire hoses, fire nozzles, loose equipment, or put into a sinking fund to make future major purchases.

SEWARD COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for a hose, LDH and adaptors, bunker gear, radios and pagers, training equipment, grass rig, foam inductor, chain saw, and rope rescue equipment.

THOMAS COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 funds were used to purchase a 20 hp Honda motor with a mid-range CET pump.

WAYNE COUNTY MFO- FY 12-13 MFO funds were used for maintenance, training, utilities, operating expenses, and insurance.