



STATE OF NEBRASKA

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

Nebraska's Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts received \$3.35 million in state aid in 2013-2014 and used the money mainly for firefighting and emergency equipment, supplies, and training. The use of money disbursed in 2013-2014 through the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund is highlighted in the Annual Report to the Legislature, which can be found at www.treasurer.org/tm/.

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." Like you, we are thankful for the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect our communities and provide for our personal safety through these cooperative arrangements.

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 2013-2014, a total of \$3.35 million was disbursed to 39 Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts across the state. The total amount applied for by these organizations was \$3,982,970.

Please contact Char Scott, director of Treasury Management, with questions or with examples of service by MFOs and FPDs in your communities 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 black ink that reads "Don Stenberg".

Don Stenberg
Nebraska State Treasurer

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A REPORT ON THE 2013-2014 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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**2013-2014 Mutual Finance Organization Report to the Legislature
Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(1)**

Total MFO Appropriated FY 2013-2014:	\$3,350,000
Actual MFO Distributed FY 2013-2014:	\$3,350,000
Total MFO funds applied for FY 2013-2014:	\$3,982,970

Disbursements to MFOs were prorated at 84.108 percent to meet the maximum appropriation of \$3,350,000.

Transfer to General Fund pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(3):	\$3,482,598.11
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MFO Distributions 2013-2014	
Antelope	\$50,641.50
Banner	\$6,266.10
Boone	\$43,820.30
Box Butte	\$98,625.10
Brown	\$24,366.10
Burt	\$53,829.20
Butler	\$66,580.00
Colfax	\$95,992.60
Custer	\$85,664.10
Dakota	\$212,314.10
Dawson	\$216,956.80
Douglas/Millard	\$252,324.30
Gage	\$176,988.70
Garfield/Burwell	\$16,914.10
Grant/Sandhills	\$6,686.60
Hooker/Mullen	\$7,039.80
Jefferson	\$63,097.90
Johnson	\$42,878.30
Keya Paha	\$6,602.50
Knox	\$72,316.10
Lincoln	\$252,324.30
Logan/Stapleton	\$6,274.50
Madison	\$252,324.10
McPherson	\$4,281.10
Nance	\$29,564.00
Nemaha	\$54,577.70

Pawnee	\$22,011.10
Phelps	\$76,572.00
Pierce	\$54,081.50
Polk	\$40,010.20
Red Willow	\$93,343.20
Richardson	\$68,329.40
Rock	\$11,287.30
Saline	\$119,029.80
Saunders	\$164,910.70
Scotts Bluff	\$252,324.30
Seward	\$141,940.80
Thomas/Thedford	\$5,904.40
Wayne	\$101,005.40
Total	\$3,350,000.00

BANNER COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for capital improvements, gear, and training.

BOONE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for operational, equipment needs, and training for their respective fire departments and fire protection districts.

BROWN COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were set aside by Brown County Rural for capital improvements, and Ainsworth is using its funds for a set of Jaws of Life.

BURT COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase and update fire and rescue equipment and to provide training and education for fire and rescue personnel.

BUTLER COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear, hose, safety equipment, and training materials.

COLFAX COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase fire equipment, safety equipment, fire training, rescue gear, and training.

CUSTER COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for replacement bunker gear, replacement wild land gear, picks, shovels, rakes for grass fires, hoses, helmets, gloves, goggles, masks, truck maintenance, building upkeep, and schooling for firefighters.

DAKOTA COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funding was used for general operating expenses such as gear, equipment, utilities, insurance, propane, and training.

DAWSON COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 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 13-14 MFO funds were used for payments on fire pumpers and a grass truck, protective clothing, self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders, fire hose and nozzles, pike poles, water valves on a fire truck, fire extinguishers, fire station, radios, fire hydrants, and training.

GARFIELD COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase an 8x8 HEMTT and prepare it for service, train volunteers in fire prevention and emergency medical training, and insurance.

GRANT COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for wild land shields, gloves, hose, nozzle, Super Pass II with motion sensor, Forest Service grant expenditure, stand for grass rig, drip torch, safety cones, wild land face mask, filters for face mask, and glass window punch and guard.

HOOKER COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for personal protective gear and equipment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase bunker gear, grass rig, ladder truck, and fire hall improvements.

JOHNSON COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funding was used for insurance, fuel, maintenance, and equipment.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase fuel and repairs for fire trucks.

KNOX COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were spent on firefighting equipment and supplies.

LINCOLN COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were deposited into the City's general fund to support the fire department budget which consists of 89 percent personnel and 11 percent for 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 three 12-lead Life Pak 15s for paramedic service program, tanker, bunker gear, radios, grass truck, maintenance, hoses, portable radios, wild land gear, SCBA x4, HEMTT 6x6, and training.

LOGAN COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for bunker gear and flashlights.

MADISON COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO 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 13-14 MFO funds were used to help update bunker gear for firefighters.

MILLARD MFO - FY 13-14 funds are 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 13-14 MFO 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 13-14 MFO funds were used for insurance, fuel, equipment, and building maintenance.

PAWNEE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for equipment, repairs, supplies, fuel, maintenance, and insurance.

PHELPS COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used as follows: training expenses for firefighters and first responders, purchase of firefighting equipment, new pagers, life insurance for firefighters, truck repairs, personal protective gear, upkeep of a fire hall, insurance, utilities, emergency communication lines, emergency sounding devices, debt service, individual and vehicle communication equipment, education materials for fire prevention, and property tax relief.

PIERCE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were distributed and put into a general fund for expenses and equipment purchases.

POLK COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for firefighter bunker gear, radio equipment, 3,000-gallon tanker for grass and structure fires, rescue truck, and two self-contained breathing apparatus units.

RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used to purchase a 1998 Dodge fire grass rig, tanker truck, helmets, hose, wrenches, and fire equipment; repair equipment; and provide additional salaries for staff.

RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, Worker's Compensation insurance, utilities, fire building expenses, propane, and fees.

ROCK COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for gear, equipment, training, and capital improvements (fire shed to house rural fire truck).

SALINE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for firefighting gear, down payment for truck, upgrades and repairs to equipment, capital improvements and payments, and truck purchase payments.

SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for bond payments on a water distribution system, five self-contained breathing apparatus units, an electric lift ambulance cot, 35 firefighter helmets, help purchasing three new rescue squads, portable generator, ventilation chain saw, remote controlled nozzle for grass truck, thermal imaging camera, diesel-powered fire pump for a Forestry Service 6x6 truck, six new portable radios, three pagers, building for meetings and training, help purchasing a fire truck, help purchasing a special operations truck, a patient monitor for a rescue squad, and help purchasing a grass rig.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were distributed to members of the organization and used for help on purchases of trucks/engines, PPE equipment, fire hoses, fire nozzles, loose equipment, or put into a sinking fund for future major purchases.

SEWARD COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, foam, hoses, SCBA, cascade, radios, and a trailer.

THOMAS COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for 911 tools FSWACC full set strut package with accessories and ram/jack conversion kit.

WAYNE COUNTY MFO - FY 13-14 MFO funds were used for insurance, training, maintenance, utilities, and operating expenses.