



# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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November 24, 2015

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

A total of \$3.35 million, the same amount as the previous year, was distributed to Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts across Nebraska in Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The organizations reported that most of that aid was used for equipment, supplies, and training to protect and assist their fellow residents in communities across the state.

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 use of money distributed in 2014-2015 through the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund is highlighted in the Annual Report to the Legislature, which can be found on the Treasurer's website at <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/tm/rural-fire-district-assistance.aspx>. The report also has been electronically filed with the Legislature and can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website at <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/agencies/view.php>.

For background, 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 Treasurer's Office is responsible for receiving applications for these funds and disbursing the funds each year. In 2014-2015, Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts applied just over \$4 million in state aid. A total of \$3.35 million was disbursed.

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](mailto:char.scott@nebraska.gov). You also will find more information under the Treasury Management tab at our website, [treasurer.nebraska.gov/tm/rural-fire-district-assistance.aspx](https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/tm/rural-fire-district-assistance.aspx). Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Stenberg".

Don Stenberg  
Nebraska State Treasurer

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**A REPORT ON THE 2014-2015 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS  
MUTUAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE ACT  
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-1207(1)**

To

**Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska  
And  
Members of the  
Nebraska Legislature**

Prepared by



**Treasury Management Division  
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Don Stenberg, Treasurer**

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**2014-2015 Mutual Finance Organization Report to the Legislature  
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-1207(1)**

<b>Total MFO Appropriated FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>\$3,350,000</b>
<b>Actual MFO Distributed FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>\$3,350,000</b>
<b>Total MFO funds applied for FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>\$4,012,020</b>

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

**Transfer to General Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-1207(3):**

<b>MFO Distributions 2014-2015</b>	
Antelope	\$51,377.00
Banner	\$5,644.50
Boone	\$44,480.00
Box Butte	\$97,919.40
Brown	\$25,175.00
Burt	\$55,184.50
Butler	\$67,325.30
Colfax	\$94,562.70
Custer	\$86,822.30
Dakota	\$211,753.70
Dawson	\$217,106.00
Douglas/Millard	\$250,497.30
Gage	\$179,798.60
Garfield/Burwell	\$17,217.50
Grant/Sandhills	\$6,471.20
Hooker/Mullen	\$7,105.80
Jefferson	\$63,618.00
Johnson	\$43,878.80
Keya Paha	\$6,730.00
Knox	\$75,858.90
Lincoln	\$250,497.20
Logan/Stapleton	\$6,195.60
Madison	\$250,497.30
McPherson	\$4,500.60
Nance	\$29,625.50
Nemaha	\$55,268.00
Pawnee	\$22,027.10

Phelps	\$75,975.80
Pierce	\$54,541.60
Polk	\$40,639.00
Red Willow	\$93,443.80
Richardson	\$68,010.00
Rock	\$12,416.30
Saline	\$116,022.00
Saunders	\$165,278.10
Scotts Bluff	\$250,497.30
Seward	\$140,002.90
Thomas/Thedford	\$5,594.40
Wayne	\$100,441.00
Total	\$3,350,000.00

**ANTELOPE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for new tank and water supply trucks, pumper trucks, training, and upgraded fire protection gear and equipment.

**BANNER COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for capital improvements, gear, and training.

**BOONE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment and Jaws of Life. FY 13-14 MFO funds were distributed to members.

**BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for operational needs, equipment, and training for their respective fire departments and fire protection districts.

**BROWN COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment and a rescue truck.

**BURT COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear and supplies.

**BUTLER COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear, hose, safety equipment, and training materials.

**COLFAX COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase fire equipment, safety equipment, and rescue gear and for training.

**CUSTER COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including fuel tankers, water tankers, water pumps, hoses, lights, sirens, air packs, air tanks, bunker gear, helmets, gloves, and hoses and for barn upkeep, paint jobs, and insurance.

**DAKOTA COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funding was used for general operating expenses such as gear, equipment, utilities, insurance, propane, and training.

**DAWSON COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for emergency fire and rescue operations, equipment, and capital acquisitions.

**GAGE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for training, repairs on SCBA, fire truck repairs, fire station, pagers, radios, light bar, training books, thermal imaging camera, fire truck payment, fire hydrants, and protective clothing.

**GARFIELD COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase a 2014 Chevy pick-up, pump, hose, fittings, 10 pagers, and thermal imaging cameras and to make repairs.

**GRANT COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for rescue jacks, air cylinders, purchase adapter, quick connect coupling, toolbox, boots, fire gloves, and nozzle.

**HOOKER COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for personal protective gear and equipment.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase bunker gear, grass rig, and ladder truck and to make fire hall improvements.

**JOHNSON COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funding was used for insurance, fuel, maintenance, and equipment.

**KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase fuel and repairs for fire trucks.

**KNOX COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were spent on firefighting equipment, supplies, and vehicle purchases.

**LINCOLN COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were deposited into the City's general fund to support the fire department budget which consists of 89 percent for 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 bunker gear, radios, grass truck, maintenance, hoses, portable radios, wild land gear, HEMTT 6x6, and training.

**LOGAN COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for bunker gear and flashlights.

**MADISON COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 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 14-15 MFO funds were used for a Propak foam system and a replacement grass fire truck skid unit.

**MILLARD MFO** - FY 14-15 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 14-15 MFO funds were used for updates on equipment, fire hall operations, maintenance, and capital improvements.

**NEMAHA COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for insurance, fuel, equipment, and building maintenance.

**PAWNEE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for equipment, repairs, supplies, fuel, maintenance, and insurance.

**PHELPS COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 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 14-15 MFO funds were distributed and put into a general fund for expenses and equipment purchases.

**POLK COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for firefighter bunker gear, radio equipment, flashlights, fire pressure hoses, air breathing apparatus, Howell's rescue course, repainting rescue truck, and remodeling water truck.

**RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for capital improvement, fire hoses, and barn bathroom repair.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, Worker's Compensation insurance, utilities, fire building expenses, propane, and fees.

**ROCK COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for operations, maintenance, and insurance and 10 percent is put in a reserve fund.

**SALINE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for firefighting gear, bunker gear, hoses, water curtains, truck purchase payments, repairs, and capital improvements.

**SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, pickup trucks, helmet lights, radios, 12 lead monitor, lease payments, air packs, diesel pump, wild land gear, hoses, sirens, air compressor, control system for water tower, and a thermal imaging camera.

**SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for salaries, trucks, personal protective equipment, fire hoses, fire nozzles, and other equipment.

**SEWARD COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, foam, hoses, and training equipment.

**THOMAS COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used to purchase NCT cutter with CORE hoses.

**WAYNE COUNTY MFO** - FY 14-15 MFO funds were used for insurance, training, maintenance, utilities, and operating expenses.