



STATE OF NEBRASKA

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November 29, 2016

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

A total of \$3,691,900 in state aid was distributed in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts in Nebraska. This year there was no reason to prorate the total disbursement amount for each organization because the appropriation for the program was sufficient to fully fund the amount each organization qualified for. Most of this aid was used for equipment, supplies, and training to assist in emergencies and to protect communities across Nebraska.

The use of money distributed in 2015-2016 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>.

The Mutual Finance Assistance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1998 to provide aid to rural and 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.

If you have questions, please contact Char Scott, director of Treasury Management. You may reach 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, <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/tm/rural-fire-district-assistance.aspx>.

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.

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 2015-2016 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
Nebraska State Treasurer's Office
Don Stenberg, Treasurer**

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**2015-2016 Mutual Finance Organization Report to the Legislature
Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(1)**

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| Total MFO Appropriated FY 2015-2016: | \$4,000,000 |
| Total MFO Funds Applied for FY 2015-2016: | \$3,691,900 |
| Actual MFO Distributed FY 2015-2016: | \$3,691,900 |
| Transfer to General Fund Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(3): | \$3,691,900 |

| MFO Distributions 2015-2016 | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Antelope | \$63,310 |
| Banner | \$6,750 |
| Boone | \$53,730 |
| Box Butte | \$117,290 |
| Brown | \$30,230 |
| Burt | \$66,500 |
| Butler | \$81,280 |
| Colfax | \$113,480 |
| Custer | \$104,590 |
| Dakota | \$220,580 |
| Dawson | \$262,090 |
| Gage | \$215,750 |
| Garfield/Burwell | \$20,880 |
| Grant/Sandhills | \$7,770 |
| Hooker/Mullen | \$8,530 |
| Jefferson | \$77,050 |
| Johnson | \$52,870 |
| Keya Paha | \$8,090 |
| Knox | \$92,440 |
| Lincoln | \$300,000 |
| Logan/Stapleton | \$7,360 |
| Madison | \$300,000 |
| McPherson | \$5,390 |
| Nance | \$35,700.00 |
| Nemaha | \$66,300.00 |
| Pawnee | \$26,460.00 |
| Phelps | \$91,420.00 |
| Pierce | \$65,890 |
| Polk | \$48,900 |
| Red Willow | \$112,090 |

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| Richardson | \$81,820 |
| Rock | \$14,910 |
| Saline | \$139,510 |
| Saunders | \$199,990 |
| Scotts Bluff | \$300,000 |
| Seward | \$168,170 |
| Thomas/Theford | \$6,800 |
| Wayne | \$117,980 |
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| Total | \$3,691,900 |

ANTELOPE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for new fire truck, grass rig tanker truck, Jaws of Life, training, and bunker gear and equipment.

BANNER COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for capital improvements, gear, and training.

BOONE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment and provide training.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for operations, equipment needs, and training for fire departments and fire protection districts.

BROWN COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for capital improvements and equipment purchases including Rescue Truck and Air Station.

BURT COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment, repairs to equipment, maintenance of the fire building, and training.

BUTLER COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear, hose, and safety equipment and training materials.

COLFAX COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase fire equipment, air packs, bunker gear, Jaws of Life, and rescue unit and provide training.

CUSTER COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including air packs, hose, couplers, bunker gear, gloves, goggles, boots, thermal imaging camera, used heavy rescue truck with Jaws of Life and light tower, upgraded grass trucks, and building maintenance.

DAKOTA COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funding was used for general operating expenses such as insurance, supplies, equipment, utilities, and training.

DAWSON COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for emergency fire and rescue operations and equipment/capital acquisitions.

GAGE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for fire truck repairs, training materials, fire hydrants, fire hose, self-contained breathing apparatus, protective clothing, flashlights, radios, radio repairs, ball valves, flood lights, fire truck payments, generator, fire tools, emergency medical equipment, and training.

GARFIELD COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase thermal imaging cameras and bunker gear.

GRANT COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for shutoff swivel, couplings, air compressor with attachments, and equipment.

HOOKER COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase an utility task vehicle with EMS and firefighting capabilities.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase bunker gear, grass rig, fire truck, pumper, skid unit for ATM, and grain rescue kit.

JOHNSON COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funding was used for insurance, fuel, maintenance, and equipment.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase fuel and repairs for fire trucks.

KNOX COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were spent on firefighting equipment and supplies.

LINCOLN COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for vehicle repairs, equipment repairs, ambulance purchase, SCBAs, grass rig, wildland gear, bucket and extrication gear, firefighting foam, helmets, and command rig conversion.

LOGAN COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for bunker gear and wildland gear.

MADISON COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were distributed to members at the ratio of the participant's taxable valuation in relation to the total taxable valuation of all participants.

MCPHERSON – FY 15-16 funds are used to augment property tax revenue, pay operating expenses, and provide fire and emergency medical services through an interlocal agreement with the City of Omaha.

NANCE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for equipment updates, fire hall operations, maintenance, and capital improvements.

NEMAHA COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for insurance, fuel, equipment, and building maintenance.

PAWNEE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for equipment, repairs, supplies, fuel, maintenance, and insurance.

PHELPS COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used as follows: training for firefighters and first responders, firefighting equipment, pagers, life insurance for firefighters, truck repairs, personal

protective gear, fire hall upkeep, insurance, utilities, emergency communication lines, emergency sounding devices, debt service, individual and vehicle communication equipment, fire prevention education, and property tax relief.

PIERCE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were distributed and put into a general fund for expenses and equipment purchases.

POLK COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, equipment upgrades, pagers, and electronic updates.

RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase new air packs.

RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, Worker's Compensation insurance, utilities, fire building expenses, propane, and fees.

ROCK COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for operations, maintenance, and insurance, and 10 percent was put in a reserve fund.

SALINE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for personal protection equipment, fire suppression equipment, equipment upgrades and repairs, truck purchase payments, and capital improvements/payments.

SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for personal protective equipment, UniMac model UW45 laundry washer-extractor, skid unit, light bar, radios, shovels, hose, fire truck, insurance, air packs, tanker truck, bunker gear, hose reels, fire hall improvements, and new pumper truck.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for trucks, personal protective equipment, fire hoses, fire nozzles, and equipment.

SEWARD COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for thermal imaging camera, bunker gear, hoses, grass rig, ladders, fan, and cot.

THOMAS COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used to purchase bunker gear.

WAYNE COUNTY MFO – FY 15-16 MFO funds were used for insurance, training, maintenance, utilities, and operating expenses.