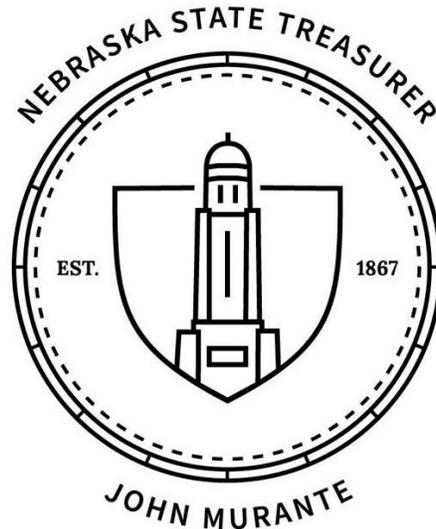


**A REPORT ON THE 2018-2019 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
MUTUAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE ACT
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-1207(1)**

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

Prepared by



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

A total of \$3.6 million was distributed to Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protections Districts across Nebraska in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The organization 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.

The use of money distributed in 2018-2019 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 Protections 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 2018-2019, MFOs and FPDs applied for just over \$4 million in state aid. A total of \$3.6 was disbursed.

If you have questions, please contact Char Scott, Treasury Management Director. You may reach her at 402-471-4146 or at char.scott@nebraska.gov. You also will find more information under the TM 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 "John Murante".

John Murante
Nebraska State Treasurer

**2018-2019 Mutual Finance Organization report to the Legislature
pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(1)**

Total MFO Appropriated FY 2018-2019: \$3,600,000

Actual MFO Distributed FY 2018-2019: \$3,600,000

Total MFO funds applied for FY 2018-2019: \$4,026,200

Disbursements to MFOs were prorated at approximately 89.414 percent to meet the maximum appropriation of \$3,600,000.

Transfer to General Fund pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat § 35-1207(3): \$3,600,000

MFO Distributions 2018-2019	
Antelope	\$54,194
Arthur	\$4,033
Banner	\$6,491
Boone	\$46,397
Box Butte	\$100,850
Brown	\$26,207
Burt	\$57,091
Butler	\$69,645
Colfax	\$102,451
Custer	\$93,572
Dakota	\$194,369
Dawson	\$229,071
Gage	\$187,591
Garfield/Burwell	\$18,473
Grant/Sandhills	\$7,698
Hooker/Mullen	\$6,939
Jefferson	\$65,809
Johnson	\$46,120
Keya Paha	\$6,992
Knox	\$76,405
Lincoln	\$268,243
Logan/Stapleton	\$6,760
Madison	\$268,243
McPherson	\$4,462
Merrick	\$62,268
Millard/Sarpy	\$268,243

Nance	\$30,866
Nemaha	\$57,601
Pawnee	\$22,586
Phelps	\$80,705
Pierce	\$57,780
Polk	\$46,344
Red Willow	\$97,256
Richardson	\$70,083
Rock	\$12,625
Saline	\$126,977
Saunders	\$181,869
Scotts Bluff	\$268,243
Seward	\$154,588
Thomas/Thedford	\$7,260
Wayne	\$106,600
Total	\$3,600,000

ANTELOPE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, pumper truck, grass rig, equipment and facility upgrades, stabilization equipment, EMT & medical equipment, training, and fire school.

ARTHUR COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Communication equipment (radios, antennae, and pagers), personal protective gear, and fire truck.

BANNER COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Capital improvements, gear, and training.

BOONE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 New stretcher/power cot for fire and rescue operations, equipment truck, bunker gear, and grass rig.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Operational, equipment, and training.

BROWN COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Capital improvements and equipment purchases.

BURT COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Equipment purchases, repairs and maintenance of buildings.

BUTLER COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, hose, safety equipment, and training materials.

COLFAX COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Air packs, bunker gear, fire training, and tanker truck.

CUSTER COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Air packs, bunker gear, hose and couplers, gloves, goggles and other safety equipment.

DAKOTA COUNTY MFO – FY 18-19 Equipment and salaries.

DAWSON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, specialized equipment, training, pumper, utilities, support EMTs, air packs, insurance, grass rig, equipment truck, vehicle maintenance and repairs, tanker, and capital improvements.

GAGE COUNTY MFO – FY 18-19 Handheld radios, pagers, fire helmets, turnout gear, fire hose, training manuals, payment on pumper truck, grass rig, forcible entry tools, flashlights, fire nozzles, and self-contained breathing apparatus.

GARFIELD COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Repairs, maintenance, training, and salaries.

GRANT COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Thermal imaging camera.

HOOPER COUNTY (Mullen) MFO - FY 18-19 Personal protective gear and equipment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Radios, pagers, self-contained breathing apparatus, building additions, wild land gear, boots, fire truck nozzles, and tanker truck trades.

JOHNSON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Insurance, fuel, maintenance, and equipment.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Fuel and repairs for fire truck.

KNOX COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Firefighting equipment and supplies.

LINCOLN COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Fire engines, SCBA's, equipment repairs, wildland gear, water appliances, air packs, structural gear, saws, bunker gear, landing lights, boots, pump tests, pumper, helmets, stretcher, and wildland firefighting gear.

LOGAN COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Training, repairs to ambulance hall office and equipment repairs.

MADISON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Fire hose, rescue supplies, bunker gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, portable radios, hose nozzles, hand tools, rope rescue equipment, and rescue training equipment.

MCPHERSON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Radio service, fire and EMT training, and fire equipment.

MERRICK COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, fire school, equipment upgrades, helmets, pagers, rig improvements and hoses.

MILLARD/SARPY COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Funds used to offset general and ambulance fund expenses related to providing fire and EMS services to the district.

NANCE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Used funds for replacement and maintenance of current equipment.

NEMAHA COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Insurance, utilities, building maintenance, equipment, fuel, and equipment maintenance.

PAWNEE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Supplies, fuel, maintenance, equipment, insurance, and repairs.

PHELPS COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Fire protection gear, fire truck equipment, communication equipment, travel expenses for meetings, fire prevention week materials, repairs to equipment, maintenance of fire halls, insurance utilities, debt service, and property tax relief.

PIERCE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 New SCBA's, bunker gear, wild land gear, gloves, and pagers.

POLK COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, repairs, rig updates, helmets, jaw of life, radios, and equipment updates.

RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Rebuilt tanker truck, nozzles, hoses, building maintenance, education expenses, radio communication subscription, hand lamps, rubber boots, de-fib pads, and equipment for grass rigs.

RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, utilities, and accounting fees.

ROCK COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Maintenance, insurance, and training.

SALINE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Payments for fire trucks, protection gear, equipment repairs, and capital purchases.

SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Bunker gear, rescue and safety truck and equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus, radio equipment, building repairs, expenses related to 2019 flooding and assisting in evacuations, skid unit for pickup, hoses, camera, insurance, lights, siren, payments for command center, spreader, cutter, generator for fire station, utilities, boots, helmets, landing zone lights, diesel high volume pump, air pack bottles, fittings for adapting fire hose connections, large platform fire truck, jaws of life, and heat sensor detector.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Apparatus, capital improvements, PPE equipment, fire hose and nozzles, dive equipment, engine repair, engine and fire station purchase.

SEWARD COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Equipment, bunker gear, pagers, extrication and hose

THOMAS COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Replacement cylinders self-contained breathing apparatus.

WAYNE COUNTY MFO - FY 18-19 Utilities, insurance, training, pagers, fire hose testing, bunker gear washer, air packs, and bunker gear.