

**Faulkner County  
American Rescue Plan / Coronavirus State and Local  
Fiscal Recovery Funds Application**

**Organizational information:**

Name or organization: Faulkner County Fire Chiefs Association

Physical address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CEO or Executive Director information:**

Name: Jeff Sanford, President

Email: chief@beaverforkfire.org

Phone: 501-358-1858

Brief qualifications statement: Fire Chief at Beaverfork Fire & EMS

**Financial Officer or Director information:**

Name: Mark Mahan

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Brief qualifications statement: Asst. Chief at Wooster Fire Department

**Who is the contact person for this application?**

Name: Jeff Sanford

Email: chief@beaverforkfire.org

Phone: 501-358-1858

Entity type or IRS registration: (501(c)3, LLC, sole proprietorship, etc.)

**Brief history of the organization:**

The Faulkner Co. Fire Chiefs Association was formed in July of 2021. The organization is made up of chief officers from all the fire departments in Faulkner Co. The goals of our organization are to:

1. Promote and conduct training on subjects such as fire prevention, fire protection, and emergency medical services.
2. To make this information available to all of the fire service organizations in Faulkner County.
3. To participate in any activity with the interest of preventing the loss of life and property by fire or any other disaster.
4. To establish a closer bond and understanding among the various departments.
5. To promote and encourage participation and cooperation of all fire departments and fire/rescue services in the County Mutual Aid Agreement and the County/State Strategic Plan.

**Financial information:**

1. Have you received other state or federal grant funds in the past three years? If so, list the grant name, the organization from whom it was received, the amount of funding received, and the status of the grant expenditure.

No

2. Please Attach your organization's audits from 2019, 2020, and 2021 if available.

N/A

3. What is your organization's annual budget? Please attach a copy of your 2020, 2021, and 2022 budgets.

We currently charge each department \$100 for membership dues per year. There are 23 fire departments in the county so our budget will be \$2300 per year.

4. The applicant certifies that any funds received through this Faulkner County granting program are fully subject to federal regulations and affirms that the funds will be properly spent in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The applicant further affirms that financial controls are in place such that each expenditure under the grant will be fully documented and that such documentation will be open to the public and submitted to the County for audit. The applicant understands that all aspects of their use of the grant are open to the public and subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

About your request:

5. Please indicate under which category of eligibility under ARPA your organization is applying:

- Public Health and Economic Impacts – Responding to COVID-19
- Public Health and Economic Impacts – Responding to Negative Economic Impacts
- Investments in Infrastructure – Water and Sewer
- Investments in Infrastructure – Broadband

6. Briefly and clearly state how your project responds to the COVID-19 crisis:

This project will be used to provide SCBA's to every volunteer fire department in the county. The SCBA's will be used in structural firefighting as well as any decontamination process needed. Being the SCBA's are a closed circuit system, they can be used in an environment that is susceptible to carcinogens as well as Covid 19 and be protected.

7. Does your project have a county-wide impact? If so, please describe.

Yes, this will be a resource that every volunteer fire department will receive which will get the departments in compliance with NFPA standards as well as getting every department interoperability on any call, anywhere in the county.

8. Please describe your project including the following information (in any order): What will this project accomplish? How will those goals be measured? How do these goals relate to the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?

1. The project will get every volunteer fire department in the county in compliance with NFPA standards. The SCBA's will also allow every department to be interoperable with the same SCBA's.

9. Please attach a project budget. If the project includes construction or third-party services, please provide their estimates.

10. Are other funds part of the budget besides ARPA funds? If so, please list other sources of funding and a copy of their funding commitment, if available.

N/A

11. Please describe the organization's financial management practices that will ensure audit compliance.

The Faulkner Co. Fire Chiefs Association will play a part in making sure each department maintains maintenance records as well as correct inventory of any equipment that is provided by these funds. Also, once purchased, the Fire Chiefs Association will report the cost to the Quorum Court to provide documentation of how the money was spent as well as the allocation of each piece of equipment purchased.

12. What is the total dollar amount that is being requested from Faulkner County?

\$3,300,000.00

13. Have you received other ARPA or CARES Act funds? If so, how much have you received?

No

**Authorized Representative:** The signature indicates that I have been authorized to submit an application requesting funding for the proposed project and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all data contained in this application is true and correct. If the application is approved for funding, I am authorized to sign any applicable documents on behalf of the applicant.

Jeff Sanford

Type Name

Signature

President, Faulkner Co. Fire Chiefs Association

Title

Date

When completed return by mail or drop-off  
to: Faulkner County Judge's Office  
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Conway, AR 72034