



Coming June 2025!

Local Fire Response Accomplishments Reporting Module

Overview

Starting in June, the Local Fire Response Accomplishments Reporting Module (Response ARM) will be **the new accomplishments reporting platform for USFS Cooperative Fire grant-funded investments in volunteer fire assistance**. It will be one of four modules in the Grant Accomplishment Reporting Portal (GARP) and will help track work that supports the goal of safe and effective Wildfire Response set forth in the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#).

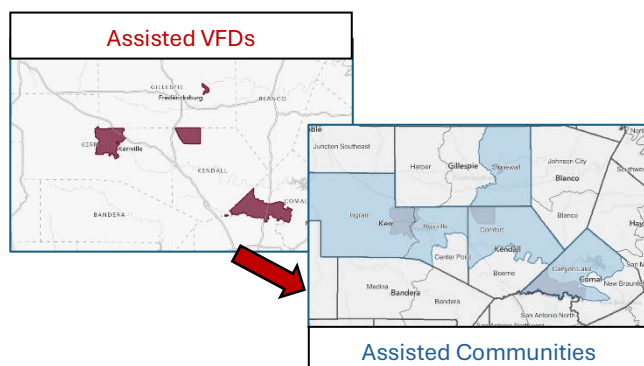
Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Assistance accomplishment details will be tracked for the following US Forest Service (USFS) Funding Programs:

- Volunteer Fire Capacity – Core
- IIJA Volunteer Fire Assistance



Get DATA READY for the Response ARM

Because your data is key to quantifying the impact of these programs, NASF, USFS, and the GARP Team want you to be prepared for the June release of Response ARM. If you manage Volunteer Fire Program grants for your organization, please watch the **20-minute Response ARM Data Preparation Video** to get oriented about general GARP reporting requirements as well as specific data needed for Response ARM. Then, **download the Data Preparation Guide [here](#)**, so you can **be data ready** when Response ARM comes online in June.



Response ARM connects assistance to Communities

Under the hood, the Response ARM's list of VFDs is integrated with a national mapped database of Fire Department Response Boundaries (FDRB). This means that whenever you report assistance for a VFD, GARP can show where that assistance is going, which is incredibly powerful when demonstrating the impact of these investments in local suppression capacity. Also, GARP will automatically take the VFDs assisted and use their response boundaries to translate into Communities Assisted in the Community ARM.

Who will use Response ARM?

Starting in June, **staff from State Forestry organizations** whose responsibility it is to report on VFD assistance accomplishments will be invited to request a GARP account with the **"Grant Manager"** role. Other authorized State and USFS staff can explore and view the details entered. *(People with existing GARP accounts will be automatically given the appropriate Response ARM role in June without a request needed, if they are on the list of authorized users provided to the GARP Team.)*

GARP in Partnership

USDA Forest Service, DOI Office of Wildland Fire, National Association of State Foresters, and Timmons Group

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