

**A REPORT ON THE 2016-2017 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:

Mutual Finance Organizations and Fire Protection Districts in Nebraska received a total of \$3,744,300 in state aid in 2016-2017. Most of that was used for equipment, supplies, and training to assist in emergencies and to protect communities across Nebraska. The state appropriation this year was sufficient to fund in full the amount each organization was qualified to receive.

The use of money distributed in 2016-2017 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, Assistant Treasurer for 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>.

We continue to be 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. Each year when we submit this annual report, we are reminded of the valuable service these organizations provide to the people of Nebraska.

Yours truly,

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

Don Stenberg
Nebraska State Treasurer

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**2016-2017 Mutual Finance Organization Report to the Legislature
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 35-1207(1)**

Total MFO Appropriated FY 2016-2017:	\$4,000,000
Actual MFO Distributed FY 2016-2017:	\$3,744,300
Total MFO funds applied for FY 2016-2017:	\$3,744,300
Transfer to General Fund Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 35-1207(3):	\$3,744,300

MFO Distributions 2016-2017	
Antelope	\$61,030
Arthur	\$4,490
Banner	\$7,880
Boone	\$51,950
Box Butte	\$117,660
Brown	\$28,610
Burt	\$64,280
Butler	\$78,390
Colfax	\$114,540
Custer	\$103,860
Dakota	\$222,120
Dawson	\$258,640
Gage	\$212,450
Garfield/Burwell	\$20,740
Grant/Sandhills	\$8,190
Hooker/Mullen	\$8,540
Jefferson	\$74,520
Johnson	\$51,920
Keya Paha	\$7,910
Knox	\$90,750
Lincoln	\$300,000
Logan/Stapleton	\$7,550
Madison	\$300,000
McPherson	\$4,750
Merrick	\$67,520
Nance	\$34,530
Nemaha	\$65,100
Pawnee	\$25,390
Phelps	\$92,520
Pierce	\$65,290

Polk	\$47,410
Red Willow	\$110,060
Richardson	\$79,540
Rock	\$13,550
Saline	\$140,710
Saunders	\$202,790
Scotts Bluff	\$300,000
Seward	\$172,580
Thomas/Theford	\$7,300
Wayne	\$119,240
Total	\$3,744,300

ANTELOPE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for grass rig, pumper truck, bunker gear upgrades, truck upgrades, and training.

ARTHUR COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase a fire truck and gear.

BANNER COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for capital improvements, gear, and training.

BOONE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase air packs, new equipment truck, new pumper truck, and bunker gear.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for operations, equipment needs, and training for member fire departments and fire protection districts.

BROWN COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for capital improvements and equipment purchases.

BURT COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment, repair equipment, and maintain the fire building and to provide training.

BUTLER COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase equipment including bunker gear, hose, safety equipment, and training materials.

COLFAX COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase fire equipment, air packs, bunker gear, and vehicles and to provide training.

CUSTER COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase air packs, hose, couplers, bunker gear, gloves, goggles, boots, heat imaging camera, power generators, hand-held heat detectors, carbon monoxide detector, and high pressure nozzles.

DAKOTA COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for operating expenses such as insurance, supplies, equipment, utilities, and training.

DAWSON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for emergency fire and rescue operations and equipment/capital acquisitions.

GAGE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for truck payments, bunker gear, ground ladders, fire hose, Pro Pak, Deck gun, pagers, hand-held radios, fire nozzles, firefighting foam, grass rig, and training.

GARFIELD COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase Jaws of Life and a new pump on grass rigs and to make repairs on fire alarms and fire extinguishers.

GRANT COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for hose, brass couplings, nozzle, gloves, boots, and Nomex hoods.

HOOKER COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase protective gear and equipment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase tanker truck, grass rigs, bunker gear, and pagers.

JOHNSON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for insurance, fuel, maintenance, and equipment.

KEYA PAHA COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase fuel and to repair fire trucks.

KNOX COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for firefighting equipment and supplies.

LINCOLN COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for grass rigs, hand tools, structural and wildland gear, air packs and spare bottles, portable radios, nozzles, and appliances.

LOGAN COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for wildland bunker gear.

MADISON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for fire hose, tool kits, axes, halogen tools, two-way radios, portable ventilation fans, protective bunker gear, pickup payment, training, rope rescue equipment, wildland gear, flashlights, and power saws.

MCPHERSON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for vehicle maintenance, radio service, and training.

NANCE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for self-contained breathing apparatus and turn-out and protective gear.

NEMAHA COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for insurance, fuel, equipment, and building maintenance.

PAWNEE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for equipment, repairs, supplies, fuel, maintenance, and insurance.

PHELPS COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for training for firefighters and first responders, firefighting equipment, communication equipment, travel, fire prevention week materials, truck repairs, personal protective gear, upkeep of fire halls, insurance, utilities, debt service, individual and vehicle communication equipment, and property tax relief.

PIERCE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were distributed and put into a general fund for expenses and equipment purchases.

POLK COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, ladder truck upgrades, new fire hose, training tower, air compressor system, bunker gear, fire nozzles, and pagers updates.

RED WILLOW COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for training, voice notification system for dispatch, equipment, gear, and a range fire slide for grass truck.

RICHARDSON COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for salaries, fuel, insurance, repairs, Worker's Compensation insurance, utilities, fire building expenses, propane, and fees.

ROCK COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for operations, maintenance, and insurance and 10 percent was put in a reserve fund.

SALINE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for personal protection equipment, fire suppression equipment, upgrades and repairs to equipment, truck purchase payments, and capital improvements/payments.

SAUNDERS COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for fire truck equipment, bunker gear, long-range antennas, scanner, portable lights, Jaws of Life, pumper truck, life insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance, power loader for ambulance cot, backpack leaf blowers, trailer, ice rescue packs, radios, building repairs, grass fire rig, pumper tank, light bar, siren, LED scene lights, pagers, and thermal imaging camera.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for trucks, personal protective equipment, fire hoses, fire nozzles, and other equipment.

SEWARD COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for pump for grass rig, bunker gear, foam, air packs, hose, large diameter hose adaptors, and training equipment.

THOMAS COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used to purchase thermal imaging camera, interior fire gloves, and wildland fire gloves.

WAYNE COUNTY MFO – FY 16-17 MFO funds were used for bunker gear, insurance, training, utilities, and tools.