Appendix IV

Potential Funding Sources

Program:	**Rural Fire Assistance**
Source:	Bureau of Land Management
Description:	BLM provides funds to rural fire departments for wildfire fighting; also provides wildland fire equipment, training and/or prevention materials.
More info:	Dale Anderson, RFA Coordinator, BLM, 208-373-3861; dale_anderson@blm.gov

Program:	**Communities at Risk**
Source:	Bureau of Land Management
Description:	Assistance to communities for hazardous fuels reduction projects in the wildland urban interface; includes funding for assessments and mitigation planning.
More info:	Jon Skinner, Idaho BLM, 208-373-3854

Program:	**State Fire Assistance**
Source:	US Forest Service
Description:	USFS grants to state foresters through state and private grants, under authority of Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act. Grant objectives are to maintain and improve protection efficiency and effectiveness on non-federal lands, training, equipment, preparedness, prevention and education.
More info:	www.fireplan.gov and www2.state.id.us/lands; Brian Shiplett, Idaho Department of Lands 208-666-8650

Program:	**State Fire Assistance Hazard Mitigation Program**
Source:	National Fire Plan
Description:	These special state Fire Assistance funds are targeted at hazard fuels treatment in the wildland-urban interface. Recipients include state forestry organizations, local fire services, county emergency planning committees and private landowners.
More info:	www.fireplan.gov and www.fs.fed.us/r4 and www2.state.id.us/lands; Peggy Griswold, Idaho Department of Lands 208-769-1525

Program:	**Volunteer Fire Assistance**
Source:	US Forest Service
Description:	Provides funding and technical assistance to local and volunteer fire departments for organizing, training and equipment to enable them to effectively meet their structure and wildland protection responsibilities. US Forest Service grants provided to state foresters through state and private grants under the authority of Coop Forestry Assistance Act.
More info:	www.fs.fed.us/fire/partners/vfa ; Brian Shiplett, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8650

Program:	**Forest Land Enhancement Program**
Source:	US Forest Service

Description: The 2002 Farm Bill repealed the Forestry Incentives Program (authorized in 1978) and Stewardship Incentive Program (1990) cost share programs and replaced it with a new Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP). FLEP purposes include 1) Enhance the productivity of timber, fish and wildlife habitat, soil and water quality, wetland, recreational resources, and aesthetic values of forest land through landowner cost share assistance, and 2) Establish a coordinated, cooperative federal, state and local sustainable forestry program to establish, manage, maintain, enhance and restore forests on non-industrial private forest land.

More info: www.usda.gov/farmbill

Program: **Federal Excess Property**

Source: US Forest Service

Description: Provides assistance to state, county and local governments by providing excess federal property (equipment, supplies, tools) for wildland and rural community fire response.

More info: www2.state.id.us/lands; George Riffle, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8664

Program: **Economic Action Program**

Source: US Forest Service

Description: A USFS, state and private program with involvement from local Forest Service offices to help identify projects. Addresses long-term economic and social health of rural areas; assists the development of enterprises through diversified uses of forest products, marketing assistance, and utilization of hazardous fuel byproducts.

More info: www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/community/; Bob Ford, Idaho Department of Commerce, 800-842-5858

Program: **Forest Stewardship Program**

Source: US Forest Service

Description: Funding helps enable preparation of management plans on state, private and tribal lands to ensure effective and efficient hazardous fuel treatment.

More info: www2.state.id.us/lands; G. Kirk David, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8626

Program: **Community Planning**

Source: US Forest Service

Description: USFS provides funds to recipients with involvement of local Forest Service offices for the development of community strategic action and fire risk management plans to increase community resiliency and capacity.

More info: www.idoc.state.id.us; Bob Ford, Idaho Department of Commerce, 800-842-5858

Program: **Firefighters Assistance**

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency and US Fire Administration Program

Description: Financial assistance to help improve fire-fighting operations, services and provide equipment.

More info: www.usfa.fema.gov

Program: **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program**

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Description: Emergency management assistance to local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans.

More info: www.usfa.fema.gov; Steven Weiser, Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services, 208-334-3460

Program: **Idaho Forestry Assistance Program**

Source: Idaho Department of Lands

Description: Funding available to assist with organizing, training, and purchasing fire fighting equipment.

More info: www2.state.id.us/lands/Bureau/FireMgt/Fire_assistance.htm; Brian Shiplett, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-666-8650

Program: **Community Facilities Loans and Grants**

Source: Rural Housing Service (RHS) U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

Description: Provides grants (and loans) to cities, counties, states and other public entities to improve community facilities for essential services to rural residents. Projects can include fire and rescue services; funds have been provided to purchase fire-fighting equipment for rural areas. No match is required.

More info: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov;/or local county Rural Development office.

Program: **Sale of Federal Surplus Personal Property**

Source: General Services Administration

Description: This program sells property no longer needed by the federal government. The program provides individuals, businesses and organizations the opportunity to enter competitive bids for purchase of a wide variety of personal property and equipment. Normally, there is no use restrictions on the property purchased.

More info: www.gsa.gov

Program: **Reimbursement for Firefighting on Federal Property**

Source: U. S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Description: Program provides reimbursement to fire service organizations that have engaged in firefighting operations on federal land. Payments can be for direct expenses and direct losses.

More info: www.fema.gov

Program: **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

Source: Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, FEMA

Description: Program provides grants to states, tribal governments and local governments for the mitigation, management and control of any fire burning on publicly (nonfederal) or privately owned forest or grassland that threatens such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The grants are made in the form of cost sharing with the federal share being 75 percent of total eligible costs. Grant approvals are made within 1 to 72 hours from time of request.

More info: www.fema.gov

Program: **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

Source: Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA

Description:	Provides states and local governments with financial assistant to implement measures to reduce of eliminate damage and losses from natural hazards. Funded projects have included vegetation management projects. It is each State's responsibility to identify and select hazard mitigation projects.
More info:	www.fema.gov

Program:	**Boise State University Wildland Fire Academy**.
Source:	Partnership between BSU and SWIFT (Southwest Idaho Fire Training, a group including the BLM, Forest Service, and the Idaho Department of Lands).
Description:	Provides a full range of fire training classes during one week in June at the Selland College of Technology on the BSU campus. Tuition is required. Open to federal, state, local fire fighters, contractors, and the public. Housing is available on campus. (Separate from, but in conjunction with, this academy, BSU recently began offering an associate degree program in fire science.)
More info:	BLM training officer, 208-384-3403, or BSU's Selland College, 208-426-1974.