

# VALLEY FORGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY PROTECTING YOUR NATIONAL HERITAGE SINCE 1949

## **Valley Forge Fire Company FY 2026 Budget Request**



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### OPERATIONAL CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

<b>PREP BY:</b> E Taylor <b>APPR By:</b> T Fortmann	<b>SUBJECT:</b>  <b>ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSE REQUEST</b>	<b>REV NO.</b> 00 <b>DATE:</b> 8/29/2025 <b>SUPERCEDES:</b> N/A <b>TOTAL PAGES:</b> 1
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**1. Financial Request**

VFVFCo is seeking approval for a contribution towards the 2026 operational budget.

**2. Background**

It should come as no surprise that costs continue increase for all of us. This, unfortunately, is also true for emergency services. While we are fortunate to have a strong backbone of fundraising, we've run the math and the pancake to diesel fuel ration is significant. We cannot support the weight of operational costs on our own fundraising efforts.

**3. Purpose**

Since late 2022, VFVFCO has strived to continue building the strength of our inter-municipal relationship. Considerable positive improvement has shown our willingness to adapt to change. As part of that change, we have reaped the benefit of better understanding of the needs of you, our municipal partner. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors has gained a better understanding of our operational needs and how this request supplements a vital community service.

**4. Responsibility**

As part of PA Statute: Title 55, 665533, we are required to annually report our expenditures to our municipal contributor. It should be noted that this occurs monthly at a minimum. We believe our organization has continued to show good faith and proper stewardship of any municipal or public funding.

**5. Supporting Documents**

- 2026 Proposed Township Budget
- 2025 YTD Income & Expenses
- Historical Budget Info

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- 2026 Proposed Township Budget

2026 Proposed Township Budget Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company		
	Total Valley Forge Budget	Township Budget
<b>Accounting</b>	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b>Daytime Drivers</b>	\$120,000.00	\$100,000.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
Liability	\$48,400.00	\$30,500.00
Vehicle	\$47,456.00	\$27,300.00
	<u>\$95,856.00</u>	<u>\$57,800.00</u>
<b>Station 68</b>		
Electric	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
Maintenance	\$47,500.00	\$30,500.00
Security	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Water	\$7,500.00	\$7,000.00
	<u>\$82,500.00</u>	<u>\$61,000.00</u>
<b>Station 168</b>		
Electric	\$6,000.00	\$3,600.00
Maintenance	\$15,000.00	\$9,150.00
Security	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
Water	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$28,000.00</u>	<u>\$17,750.00</u>
<b>Vehicle Expense</b>		
Fuel	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
Loan	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00
Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$31,000.00
	<u>\$62,700.00</u>	<u>\$52,700.00</u>
<b>Workers Comp</b>		
EMS	\$63,000.00	\$31,050.00
FF	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00
Club	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$95,000.00</u>	<u>\$62,050.00</u>
<b>Total Township Contribution</b>		<b>\$363,300.00</b>

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- 2025 YTD Income & Expenses

2024 - 2026 General Budget Revised 10/11/25	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 (9 months) Actual	2025 % of Budget	2026 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>								
Donations	5,000.00	17,878.86	5,000.00	2,920.00	5,000.00	3,350.00	67.00%	5,000.00
Fund Drive	45,000.00	35,000.00	50,000.00	50,923.00	50,000.00	1,000.00	2.00%	50,000.00
Grants - Federal	78,000.00	5,141.00	50,000.00					
Grants - State	15,000.00	66,045.45	15,000.00	16,951.99	15,000.00	16,322.00	108.81%	15,000.00
Grants - County		25,000.00						
Grove Contribution		30,000.00		35,000.00				
Insurance Claim								
Insurance Refund		1,748.00						
Interest Income	15.00	200.87	15.00	805.00	400.00	305.48	76.37%	400.00
Investments Liquidated		100,000.00						
Memberships	10,000.00	11,702.40	10,000.00	7,019.50	10,000.00	7,434.00	74.34%	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	531.60	2,500.00	380.58	2,500.00	4,258.24	170.33%	2,500.00
Twp Contrib/Cap Improve				70,000.00				
Sale of Apparatus		9,800.00		21,100.00				
Sale of Equipment		2,401.00				75.00		
Small Games (Prior Year)	20,000.00	55,000.00	50,000.00	41,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%	50,000.00
Township	245,000.00	208,250.00	300,000.00	314,698.50	300,000.00	211,535.49	70.51%	363,300.00
West End	100,000.00	339,775.05	28,500.00	22,755.08	44,000.00		0.00%	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>523,015.00</b>	<b>908,474.23</b>	<b>511,015.00</b>	<b>583,553.65</b>	<b>476,900.00</b>	<b>294,280.21</b>	<b>61.71%</b>	<b>496,200.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
<b>Accounting</b>								
Audit	20,000.00	11,000.00	12,000.00	9,500.00	12,000.00	3,258.25	27.15%	12,000.00
Auto/Vehicle R&M	60,000.00	23,000.00	25,000.00	22,500.00	20,000.00		0.00%	20,000.00
Bank Charges	15.00	132,329.25	80,000.00	1,804.00	60,000.00	47,862.60	79.77%	60,000.00
Capital Improvements		374.01	500.00		500.00	158.20	31.64%	500.00
Computer/Supplies		173,782.22	265,000.00	124,012.51				
Crew	100,000.00	7,769.46	5,000.00	4,676.13	5,000.00	5,023.00	100.46%	5,000.00
Diesel for Generator		120,000.00	120,000.00	90,000.00	120,000.00	65,599.38	54.67%	120,000.00
Fuel for Auto/Vehicles		302.36		208.13		674.16		1,000.00
Donations		350.00	500.00	350.00	500.00	8,715.16		15,000.00
						350.00	70.00%	500.00

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### CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

<b>PREP BY:</b> E Taylor <b>APPR By:</b> T Fortmann	<b>SUBJECT:</b>  <b>FUNDING OF APPARATUS REPLACEMENT</b>	<b>REV NO.</b> 00 <b>DATE:</b> 8/29/2025 <b>SUPERCEDES:</b> N/A <b>TOTAL PAGES:</b> 1
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#### 6. Financial Request

VFVFCo is seeking approval for a \$400,000.00 contribution to the 2026 Capital Expenditure. There is a strong likelihood that funds will be drawn from this line during FY2026.

#### 7. Background

While the Schuylkill Township Fire Executive Board continues to develop and implement changes for the betterment of the Township and the Fire Company, we must still plan for the future needs of the Fire Company and how services are rendered to the community. Recently (FY2025) a contribution was made toward the approved replacement plan. However, zero dollars had been contributed to this fund for the previous 4 years. The current request is in excess of previous contributions in order to overcome the deficit, or lack of, contributions and stay on track towards a long-term funding solution.

#### 8. Purpose

Since 2016, the Fire Company has been actively working to reduce the fleet and streamline the services provided. While our region has grown in density and development, we still have a need for a tanker (Engine 68-5) within Schuylkill Township. Specifically, within 3 targeted areas that include approximately 250 homes. The Fire Company plans to replace the tanker truck (Engine 68-5) in 2028. The expected replacement value of the new 2028 vehicle is upwards of \$1,500,000.00. Due to recent economic conditions and limited manufacturers, it is difficult to reduce the costs associated with specialty fire apparatus. We will continue to research alternative methods for reducing the overall costs and future impacts.

#### 9. Responsibility

Currently, there are funds available in this dedicated line item. Specifically, approximately \$850,000.00. In being good stewards of funding, the Fire Company does not want to deplete 100% the current funding. The Township, if it chooses to, would continue to retain a percentage ownership of any future vehicles purchased with these funds.

#### 10. Supporting Documents

- VF Apparatus Replacement Plan- 2023-Final

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### - VF Apparatus Replacement Plan- 2023-Final

Year	Unit Number	AKA	Condition	Age of Unit	2023	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
TWP Funded	Engine 68-1	Rescue	Good	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Engine 68-2	Tanker	Poor	21	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Engine 68-5	Squad	Good	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Engine 68-3	Field	Excellent	5	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
	Brush 68		Good	35														
	Tac 68																	

Funded By	Year	Unit Number	Age @ Sale	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
TWP	Engine 68-1	20											100k	1.7M				
TWP	Engine 68-2	22																
TWP	Engine 68-5	20							75k	1.5M								
TWP	Engine 68-3	20																
TWP	Brush 68	38					20k											
TWP	Tac 68	N/A					500k											

Expected Resale Value  
Expected Replacement Cost  
Expected End of Life Resale