**Section 296.60 Criteria for Review of Grant Applications**

a) The Committee will consider the following criteria and assign point totals when determining grant recipients. The Committee will only consider applications provided by the Office in accordance with Section 296.55.

1) Space Need − 0-50 points

A) The applicant does not currently own a fire station and desires to have one constructed.

B) The applicant currently owns a fire station but is requesting funds for its rehabilitation.

C) The applicant is unable to construct or rehabilitate the fire station without a grant, cannot rent the required space on a consistent or as needed basis (due to geographical distance, availability, etc.), or there are other unique needs involved in the request.

2) Financial Need − 0-50 points

A) The total budget of the applicant as an available resource.

B) Population of the area served by the applicant.

C) Square miles served by the applicant.

D) The cost of the rehabilitation or construction being requested is prohibitively expensive given the above three factors.

b) Those applicants receiving a grant under this program in a previous grant application cycle will not be considered until all applicants who have never received a grant but are requesting a grant have been considered as provided in Section 296.55(c).