



**RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2022-23
Non-Ad Valorem FIRE ASSESSMENT
(Application Deadline – March 31, 2023)**

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING APPLICATION

AUTHORITY

In accordance with Ordinance 2022.44, the City of Groveland has created an Economic Hardship Reimbursement Program to assist residential property owners, who meet the eligibility criteria, with the financial burden created by the imposition of the fire service assessment.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

In order to apply for economic hardship assistance under the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Fire Assessment program, the applicant shall file with the City this application which provides the following required information necessary to demonstrate entitlement to hardship assistance (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

To qualify for Economic Hardship Assistance:

- (1) The applicant must be the owner of the residential property and the property must be homesteaded.
- (2) The total household Income of all lawful occupants of the property shall be less than or equal to 50% of the 2022 Income Limits Documentation System established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as adjusted for family size (see chart below). Please note that priority will be given to those with income less than or equal to 30% of the area medium income.

INCOME LIMITS:

<u>Very Low (50%) Income Limits</u>	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
	\$29,050	\$33,200	\$37,350	\$41,450	\$44,800	\$48,100	\$51,400	\$54,750

PRIORITY LIMITS:

<u>Very Low (30%) Income Limits</u>	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
	\$17,400	\$19,900	\$22,400	\$24,850	\$26,850	\$28,850	\$30,850	\$32,850

- (3) Between December 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, the applicant shall file with the City's Finance Department an application demonstrating entitlement to hardship assistance. Such application shall include the following:

1. Name and address of all Owners of the Property:

Owner Name: _____ Owner Address: _____

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2. Property Physical Address and Tax Parcel ID Number of the Property:

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Property Physical Address: _____

Tax Parcel ID #: _____

3. Name of all household occupants, including all dependents giving their names, relationship, ages, and income:

Name	Relationship	Age	Income

4. Household income – For all household members that receive benefits or income please provide a 2021 IRS Income Tax Return (joint returns are acceptable) or if exempt from filing an IRS Income Tax Return, please provide a Social Security benefit letter, W2 or pay stub (employee name and address must be included) for the last 30 days.

5. Household member verification – In order to include a household member in the calculation we must receive documentation that connects the household members to the property being assessed. Please provide either a driver’s license, government issued ID card, a piece of mail in household members name, utility bill or official school record showing the household members name and address.

6. By signing below, owners indicate that they are entitled to the hardship assistance and that they have the present intent to maintain such residential property as their permanent residence for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

7. The applicant shall furnish such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

PAYMENT OPTIONS (PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS)

OPTION ONE:

Homeowner may go ahead and pay the Lake County Tax Collector the full amount of their tax bill, including the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment, submit an Economic Hardship Application and if the applicant is approved for hardship assistance the City shall reimburse the homeowner for 100% of the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment.

OPTION TWO:

Homeowner may submit an Economic Hardship Application and if the applicant is approved for hardship assistance the City shall make the check payable to the Lake County Tax Collector for 100% of the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment. The homeowner must pick up the check from the Finance Department and deliver this check along with their payment for the balance of the tax bill to the Lake County Tax Collector This can be done by mail or in person to any one of the Lake County Tax Collector Offices.

*****PLEASE NOTE THE LAKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND YOUR TAX BILL MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF PAYMENT. *****

APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Eligibility for hardship assistance will be submitted to the City of Groveland’s Finance Department and a determination will be based upon the attached information.

The Finance Department shall, within fifteen (15) days after the filing of such application, review the application and supporting documentation in order to determine if the applicant is qualified for hardship assistance. If an applicant is approved for hardship assistance, the City shall pay 100% of the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment according to the payment option selected above. Priority will be given to those with income less than or equal to 30% of the area medium income as shown in the table above. Assistance will be on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to funding availability.

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby swear or affirm that the information I have provided in this application, and in any accompanying paperwork, is true and correct.

Owner Signature

Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION and SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

City of Groveland
Attn: Finance Department
156 S. Lake Avenue
Groveland, Florida 34376
(352) 730-9263