

# Resource Solutions LLC

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## Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant Program

### High Priority Funding Items for Suburban and Rural Fire Departments/Fire Districts

Information is based on February 2018 NOFO Funding Priorities. *(Priorities for the next round of funding are not yet available; however, they are not anticipated to change significantly).*

#### ➤ Equipment:

##### • Basic Equipment

- Air Compressor/Fill Station/Cascade System (Fixed or Mobile) for filling SCBA
- Appliance(s)/Nozzle(s)/ Foam Eductors
- Basic Hand Tools (Structural/Wildland)
- Electric/Gas Powered Saws/Tools
- Fit Tester
- Generator – Portable
- Hose (Attack/Supply)
- IDLH Monitoring Equipment
- Ladders
- Personal Accountability Systems
- PPE Washer/Extractor/Dryer
- RIT Pack/Cylinder
- Ropes, Harnesses, Carabiners, Pulleys, etc.
- Thermal Imaging Camera (Must be NFPA 1801 compliant)

##### • Communications Equipment *(Must be P-25 Compliant)*

- Base Station
- Headsets
- Mobile Radios
- Mobile Repeaters

- Pagers
- Portable Radios

##### • EMS Equipment

- Airway Equipment (Non-Disposable)
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) BLS Level
- Automatic Chest Compression Device (CPR)
- EMS Training Aids
- EMS/Rescue Equipment
- Monitor/Defibrillator – 15 leads
- Power Lift Cot
- Power Lift System
- Pulse Oximeters
- Responder Rehab Equipment

##### • Extrication Equipment

- Cutter/Spreader
- Vehicle Extrication Equipment

##### • Tow Vehicle

- Tow Vehicle – regional only

## ➤ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Structural PPE
- Wildland PPE

**Top PPE Funding Priorities:** Replace damaged/broken/inoperable equipment to current standard. Increase supply for new hires and/or existing firefighters that do not have one set of PPE. (Replacing obsolete/non-compliant PPE to upgrade technology is only a medium priority).

## ➤ Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA):

- SCBA (Harness/Backpack, Face Piece and 2 cylinders)
- Face Pieces
- Respirators
- SCBA Spare Cylinders
- Air-Line Unit

**Age Requirements for Replacements of both PPE and SCBA:** A minimum of two NFPA cycles and 10 years of age or older, from the date of manufacture.

## ➤ Vehicle Acquisition: (Rural and Suburban Departments)

- Aerial
  - Ambulance
  - Pumper
  - Tanker/Tender
  - Non-Transport EMS
  - Quint
  - Rescue Vehicle
- Brush/Attack (only “rural” departments with less than 25,000 people & who meet a few additional criteria are eligible)

**Eligible Regional Apparatus:** Aerial, Air/Light Unit, Bariatric Ambulance, Command/Mobile Communications Vehicle, Non-Transport EMS (Community Paramedic/Healthcare), Rehab Unit, Rescue Vehicle, Tow Vehicle



## ➤ Wellness and Fitness:

**Priority 1: Fire departments must be providing, or request funding to provide, all four of these items.**

- Initial medical exams
- Job-related immunization
- Annual medical and fitness evaluation
- Behavioral health

**Priority 2: If you have all of the above, in place, only then can you request the following items:**

- Candidate physical ability evaluation.
- Cancer Screening Program/Equipment.
- Injury/illness rehab.
- Formal fitness, injury prevention.
- IAFF or IAFC peer fitness trainer program, (including transportation, travel, overtime/backfill, and reasonable expenses associated with member participation in Train-the-Trainer for IAFC/IAFF and implementation of a peer fitness trainer programs).

## ➤ Modifications to Fire Facilities:

- Source capture exhaust systems, sprinkler systems, or smoke/fire detection systems

**Top Funding Priorities:** Departments that provide full-time coverage 24/7 and facilities with sleeping quarters

**Note:** *These grants seem to be extremely limited and hard to get.*

## ➤ Training:

**Top Funding Priorities:**

- FEMA funds a wide variety of training topics that brings a department into compliance with NFPA recommendations ([email me to request a list of specific classes](#)).
- Train-the-trainer courses
- Alternative fuel firefighting
- Response to natural disasters
- Tuition, exam/course fees, and certifications
- Training curricula and instructors
- CBRNE awareness, performance, planning, and management
- Travel expenses associated with attendance at a formal training course or conference (mileage, hotel/lodging expenses)
- Compensation to volunteers for wages lost to attend training
- Overtime expenses paid to career firefighters to attend training or to backfill positions
- Supplies or expendables for one time- use items essential for an award's scope of work



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**When is the Next Grant Deadline?** *The latest word I have from FEMA is that they will be accepting applications for the next round of AFG funding in August 2018. o*

**How Much is My Department's Cost Share?** Rural – 5%; Suburban – 10%,  
Urban - 15%

**What is the maximum request for a Micro Grant?** A Micro Grant is limited to \$25,000 Federal share.

**If My Department Needs Help?** If your fire department needs assistance in writing an Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant, please call me immediately so that we will have plenty of time to prepare a compelling grant application.

**Give me a call today to brainstorm your project.  
I always enjoy hearing from you!**

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