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Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant Program

High Priority Funding Items for Rural and Suburban Fire Districts

Information based on the funding priorities found in the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO). *(Priorities for the next round of funding are unlikely change significantly).*

➤ **Equipment:**

Basic Equipment

- Air Compressor/Fill Station/Cascade System (Fixed or Mobile) for filling SCBA
- Appliances/Nozzles/ Foam Eductors
- Basic Hand Tools (Structural/Wildland)
- Electric/Gas Powered Saws/Tools
- Fit Tester
- Hose (Attack/Supply)
- IDLH Monitoring Equipment
- IDLH Protection for Investigators (single use respiratory protection)
- Ladders
- Personal Accountability Systems
- PPE Washer/Extractor/Dryer (Turnouts)
- Props (regional grants only)
- RIT Pack/Cylinder
- Rescue: Ropes, Harnesses, Carabiners, Pulleys, etc
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Software and LMS to Support Training

Extrication Equipment

- Cutter/Spreader
- Vehicle Extrication Equipment

Communications Equipment (P-25 compliant)

- Base Station
- Headsets
- Mobile Radios
- Mobile Repeaters
- Pagers (Rural FD Only)
- Portable Radios

EMS Equipment

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

Specialized Equipment

- Skid Unit
- Tow Vehicle (regional grant only)

➤ **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- Structural PPE
- Wildland PPE

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

- SCBA (Harness/Backpack, Face Piece and 2 cylinders)
- Extra Face Piece (to ensure each firefighter has their own)

➤ **Apparatus:**

- Aerial
- Ambulance
- Pumper
- Quint
- Tanker/Tender
- Brush/Attack (Rural FD Only)
- Non-Transport EMS (Community Paramedic/Healthcare Only)
- Rescue Vehicle (Suburban FD Only)
- Brush/Brush Attack



➤ **Wellness and Fitness:**

Priority 1: Applicants must be providing, or request funding to provide all of these items:

- Initial medical exams
- Job-related immunization
- Annual medical and fitness evaluation
- Behavioral health
- Cancer screening to meet NFPA 1582

Priority 2: If you have all of Priority 1 in place, only then can you request the following items:

- Candidate physical ability evaluation
- Injury/illness rehab
- Formal fitness, injury prevention
- IAFF or IAFC peer fitness trainer program
- Behavioral Health Programs

- **Modifications to Fire Facilities:** Only staffed stations and/or stations with sleeping quarters are eligible.

Source capture exhaust systems, sprinkler systems, carbon monoxide systems or smoke/fire detection systems (no multi-purpose systems with additional components).

➤ Training:

High Funding Priorities:

- *Training evaluated using national or state standards.*
- *Training that brings a FD into compliance with recommended NFPA or other national standards.*
- *Instructor-led training that requires student testing to demonstrate academic competence or practical proficiency.*
- *Training that benefits the highest percentage of applicable personnel.*



High Priority Training	
Training	NFPA #
Firefighter I and II	1001
NFPA 1041 (instructor)	1041
Hazmat operations	472/1072
Hazmat Technician	
Infection Control	1581
Confined Space (awareness)	1670
Wildland Firefighting (basic)	1143
Wildland Firefighting Certification (red card)	1051/1143
Wildland Fire Officer	1051
Rapid intervention training	1407
Standard for Fire Officer	1021
Emergency Medical Responder	
Firefighter Safety and Survival	1407
Safety Officer	1521
Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator	1002

Training	NFPA #
Fire prevention	1037/1730
Fire inspector	1031
Fire investigator	1033
Fire educator	1035
NIMS/Incident Management System	1561
Emergency scene rehab	1584
Critical Incident debriefing/Crisis	1500/1583
Any training to a National/State or NFPA	
Compliance with Federal/State Mandated Programs	
Rescue Technician	1006/1670
Emergency Medical Technician	
Advanced Emergency Medical to Paramedic	
Paramedic to Community Paramedic	
Vehicle rescue	1670
Another officer	1021
NFPA [Aircraft Rescue Firefighting]	1003/402
Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)	
Mass Casualty	

Answers to... Frequently Asked Questions



When Will the Next Opportunity to Submit AFG Grants Occur? FEMA's grant application cycle varies from year to year. Most Fire Districts I work with begin working on their grants months in advance of the next application period. This proactively addresses the problem of grant deadlines occurring during wildfire season!

How Many AFG Grants Can We Submit At One Time? During each open grant cycle, each Fire District is eligible to submit 1 Apparatus Grant, 1 Equipment Grant, 1 Training Grant, and 1 Regional Grant.

How Much is My Fire District's AFG Cost Share Requirement?

Rural FD – 5%; Suburban FD – 10%, Urban FD - 15% (of your total grant request).

What is the Maximum Request for a Micro Grant? \$50,000 federal share.

Does FEMA Have Other Grant Programs for Fire Districts? Yes, FEMA also has Fire Protection & Safety (FP&S) and Staffing for Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs. Ask Michelle if you would like more information on these grant programs.

What if My Department Needs Help Preparing our Grant Application? If your Fire District needs assistance in writing an Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant, please call right away to get on our list. We want to ensure that we have plenty of time to prepare a compelling grant application. (By the time the grant deadline is announced, my schedule is usually booked up).

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

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