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Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant Program

High Priority Funding Items for Rural and Suburban Fire Districts

Information is based on the funding priorities found in the FY 2020 NOFO. *(Priorities for the next round of funding are not yet available; however, they are not likely to significantly change).*

➤ 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
- Hose (Attack/Supply)
- IDLH Monitoring Equipment
- IDLH Protection for Investigators (single use)
- Ladders
- Personal Accountability Systems
- PPE Washer/Extractor/Dryer
- Props (regional)
- RIT Pack/Cylinder
- Ropes, Harnesses, Carabiners, Pulleys
- Thermal Imaging Camera (NFPA 1801)
- Software and LMS to Support Training

Extrication Equipment

- Cutter/Spreader
- Vehicle Extrication Equipment

Communications Equipment (P-25)

- 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
- EMS/Rescue Equipment
- Monitor/Defibrillator – 15 leads
- Power Lift Cot
- Power Lift System
- Pulse Oximeters
- Responder Rehab Equipment

Specialized Equipment

- Skid Unit
- Tow Vehicle (regional)

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

- Structural PPE
- EMS/Respiratory 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)

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

➤ **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 the above, 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

- **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:

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.



Priorities by Course Type	
Training	NFPA #
NFPA 1001 (firefighter I, II)	1001
NFPA (instructor)	1041
NFPA 472 (Hazmat operations)	472/1072
NFPA 1581(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
NFPA (officer)	1021
Emergency Medical Responder	
Firefighter safety and survival	1407
Safety officer	1521
Driver/operator	1002

Fire Department and Regional Training Priorities	
Training	NFPA #
Fire prevention	1037/1730
Fire inspector	1031
Fire investigator	1033
Fire educator	1035
NIMS/Incident Command System (ICS)	1561
Emergency scene rehab	1584
Critical Incident debriefing/Crisis Intervention	1500/1583
Any training to a National/State or NFPA	

Training Priorities by Course Type	
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 (ARFF)]	1003/402

Frequently Asked Questions

When Will the Next Opportunity to Submit AFG Grants Occur? The grant application cycle varies from year to year. The Fire Districts I work with begin working on their grants well in advance of the next application period. This ensures their grant application is done and ready to submit when the grant period is announced. This proactively addresses the problem of grant deadlines occurring during fire season!

How Many AFG Grants Can We Submit At One Time? During each open grant cycle, each Fire District may 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 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.

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 my 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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