


The following is a CJIS GROUP summary of the titled Grant Program.

For complete information, refer to the official grant program announcement.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Fiscal Year	Funding Source	Application Deadline	Budget/Appropriation
2015	DHS	01/15/2016	\$306,000,000.00
Program Overview			
<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.</p> <p>The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.</p> <p>In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA shall consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The findings and recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP). • The degree to which an award will reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage by reducing the risks associated with fire related and other hazards. • The extent of an applicant's need for an AFG Grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole. 			
Eligibility			
<p>Eligible Applicants</p> <p>Fire Departments: Fire departments operating in any of the 56 states, which include any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or, any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization are eligible applicants. A Fire Department is an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, territory, local, or tribal authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.</p> <p>Nonaffiliated EMS organizations: Nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 56 states, which include any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or, any federally-recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization are eligible applicants. A nonaffiliated EMS organization is an agency or organization that is a public or private nonprofit emergency medical services entity providing medical transport, that is not affiliated with a hospital and does not serve a geographic area in which emergency medical services are adequately provided by a fire department.</p>			
Match Requirement			
<p>Recipient cost sharing is generally required as described below.</p> <p>In general, eligible applicant shall agree to make available in non-federal funds, an amount equal to and not less than 15 percent of the grant awarded, except for entities serving small communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When serving a jurisdiction of 20,000 residents or fewer, the applicant shall agree to make available non-federal funds in an amount equal to and not less than 5 percent of the grant awarded. • When serving a jurisdiction of more than 20,000 residents, but not more than 1,000,000 residents, the applicant shall agree to make available non-federal funds in an amount equal to and not less than 10 percent of the grant awarded. • When serving a jurisdiction of more than 1,000,000 residents, the applicant shall agree to provide non-federal funds in an amount equal to and not less than 15 percent of the grant awarded. <p>The cost share for SFTAs will be based on the total population of the State.</p> <p>The cost share for a Regional application will be based on the aggregate population of the primary first due response areas of the Host and participating partner organizations that execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as described in Appendix B, VI, Regional projects.</p> <p>FEMA has developed a cost share calculator tool in order to assist applicants with determining their cost share. The cost share tool is available at: http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/100145</p>			
Applications			
<p>Applicants pursuing this funding opportunity who have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) should take immediate action to obtain a DUNS number, if applicable, and then register immediately in SAM. It may take four weeks or more after SAM registration submittal before the registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize the information. Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from Grants.gov at http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</p> <p>Application submission deadline: Friday, January 15, 2016</p>			
Documents		Links	
 2015 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity.pdf		Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program grants.gov	