

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Fiscal Year 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grants

NOTE: Eligible recipients who plan to apply for this funding opportunity, but 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 to register immediately in SAM. It may take four weeks or more after the submission of a SAM registration before the registration becomes active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) to recognize the information. Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. Detailed information regarding DUNS and SAM is also provided in Section D of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), subsection, Content and Form of Application Submission.

A. Program Description

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US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

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Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

Notice of Funding Opportunity Title

FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number

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Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, Pub. L. No. 93-498, as amended (15 U.S.C § 2229)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. No. 115-31)

Program Type

New

Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities

Program Overview

FEMA GPD is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA). The funds provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

Program Objectives

In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA shall consider the following:

- 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.

For additional information on program priorities and objectives for the FY 2017 AFG, refer to [Appendix B](#), FY 2017 AFG Programmatic Information and Priorities.

As specified in the *DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review*, the AFG Program supports the basic mission to:

- Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience

The AFG Program also addresses the following "Core Capabilities" of the National Preparedness Goal:

- Fire Management and Suppression
- Environmental Response/Health and Safety
- Threats and Hazards Identification
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
- Operational Coordination
- Operational Communications
- Mass Search and Rescue Operations
- Community Resilience
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

B. Federal Award Information

Award Amounts, Important Dates, and Extensions

4-2-17

Available Funding for the NOFO: \$310,500,000¹

Projected number of Awards: 2,500

Period of Performance: Twelve months from the date of award. For additional information on period of performance extensions, refer to Section H. Additional Information and Appendix C: Award Administration Information, VIII. Payments and Amendments.

Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s): 03/01/2018

Projected Period of Performance End Date(s): 03/01/2019

Funding Instrument: Grant

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

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. 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.

Nonaffiliated EMS organizations: Nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 56 states including the continental 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. A nonaffiliated EMS organization is an agency or organization that is a public or private nonprofit emergency medical service 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.

FEMA considers the following as hospitals under the AFG Program:

- Clinics

¹ Note that this figure differs from the total amount appropriated under the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017*, Pub. L. No. 115-31. In this FY 2017 AFG NOFO, percentages of “available grant funds” refers to the total amount appropriated—\$345,000,000—by Pub. L. No. 115-31 to meet the statutory requirements of § 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, as amended. A portion of these “available grant funds” will be allocated to the Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) program, which will have a separate NOFO and application period \$34,500,000 will be allocated to FP&S for FY 2017.