

Funding Programs for Emergency Response



[Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) FY13](#)

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Eligibility: Fire Departments, Non-Affiliated EMS, State Fire Training Academies

Award Size: Up to \$1M – \$2.75M, based on population served

Total Funding: \$288,828,075

Required Match: 15% Populations > 1M, 10% Populations 20,000 – 1M, 5% Populations < 20,000

Deadline: Opens Monday, Nov 4th; deadline Friday, Dec 6th, 2013

Joint/Regional: Fire Departments and Non-Affiliated EMS may also apply as “host” of a Joint/Regional project involving other Fire Departments or Non-Affiliated EMS

Program Purpose: The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was created to enhance the safety of the public regarding fire and related hazards. The objective of AFG is to enhance a fire department’s ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first responder personnel.

Why Video & Collaboration: Fire Departments across the country are using videoconferencing to address their training needs. Video systems in each of the stations, with an instructional system at Training locations, allow firefighters to stay in their local coverage area, saving dollars, reducing response times, and providing more opportunities for firefighter training and certifications. Additionally, firefighters use real time video in Emergency Operations to address communications interoperability. Being able to share live video of a scene with other Emergency Responders enables real time decision-making and response coordination, providing a safer outcome for all.

Eligible Technologies: Video systems in day rooms at each station. Instructional video systems for training facilities. Video content capture, management and distribution allowing Emergency Responders to take live video from a scene and incorporate it into future training and After-Action Review. Mobile video connecting to Emergency Operation Centers. Video network infrastructure – bridging, firewall traversal, scheduling and management.