



Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program



Application deadline: 06/22/2026



Available funding: \$291M

AFG Program seeks to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards



Goals and merit criteria:

The AFG Program represents part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS. By increasing the number of trained firefighters, the AFG Program improves deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program also aims to support the following objectives:

- Coordinate Federal Response to Incidents
- Strengthen National Resilience
- Enhance Training and Readiness of First Responders

AFG Program details

Match funding requirement: Yes¹

Direct Pay applicability: No

Eligible grant uses

AFG seeks to provide critically needed resources to:

- Equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards,
- Outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to increase responders' physical protection against hazards during incident response,
- Retrofit or modify facilities to protect personnel from known health hazards,
- Acquire emergency response vehicles,
- Design and implement health, wellness, and resiliency programs that prepare responders for incident response,
- Enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and
- Support community resilience

AFG Program funds cannot be used for hiring (part-time or full-time), salaries, benefits, or fringe benefits (e.g., contributions for social security, insurance, workers' compensation, or retirement plans) for any personnel

Award figures

No. of awards 1,800 awards anticipated

1. 5 percent for jurisdictions serving a population of 20,000 residents or fewer; 10 percent for jurisdictions serving a population of 20,000 up to 1 million residents; 15 percent for jurisdictions serving a population of over 1 million residents

High-level requirements to apply for an AFG grant

NON-EXHAUSTIVE



Eligible Entities

Eligible applications include:

- Fire Departments
- Nonaffiliated EMS organizations
- Clinics
- Medical centers
- Medical colleges or universities
- Infirmaries
- Surgery centers
- Any other institution, association, or foundation providing medical, surgical or psychiatric care and/or treatment for the sick or injured



Key Grant Application Components

- SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying
- SF-424A, Budget Information (Non-Construction)
- SF-424B, Standard Assurances (Non-Construction)
- SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities