

**The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program**

NOTE: If you are going to apply for this funding opportunity and have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), please 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 you submit your SAM registration before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize your 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>. Detailed information regarding DUNS and SAM is also provided in [Section D – Application and Submission Information](#) of this NOFO, subsection, Content and Form of Application Submission. An active registration is required in order to apply for funding.

A. Program Description

- 1. Issued By**
Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)
- 2. Assistance Listings (formerly Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number)**
97.044
- 3. Assistance Listings Title (formerly CFDA Title)**
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)
- 4. Funding Opportunity Title**
FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- 5. Funding Opportunity Number**
DHS-20-GPD-044-00-98
- 6. 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) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2018-title15/pdf/USCODE-2018-title15-chap49-sec2229.pdf>
- 7. Appropriation Authority for Program**
Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. No. 116-93) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-116publ93/pdf/PLAW-116publ93.pdf>
- 8. Announcement Type**
Initial

9. Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critical training and equipment. The AFG Program represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the AFG Program supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. In awarding grants, the FEMA Administrator is required to 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 Program grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole; and
- The number of calls requesting or requiring a firefighting or emergency medical response received by an applicant.

The [2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) creates a shared vision for the field of emergency management and sets an ambitious, yet achievable, path forward to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country. The AFG Program supports the goal of Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters. We invite all of our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building a stronger Agency and a more prepared and resilient Nation.

Objectives

The objectives of the AFG Program are to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

Priorities

Information on program priorities and objectives for the FY 2020 AFG Program can be found in [Appendix B](#), FY 2020 AFG Programmatic Information and Priorities.

10. Performance Metrics

The grant recipient is required to collect data to allow FEMA to measure performance of the awarded grant in support of the AFG Program metrics, which are tied to the programmatic objectives and priorities. In order to measure performance, FEMA may request information throughout the period of performance. In its final performance report submitted at closeout, the recipient must submit sufficient information to demonstrate it has met the performance goal as stated in its award. FEMA will measure the recipient's performance of the grant by comparing the number of items, supplies, projects, and activities needed and requested in its application with the number of items, supplies, projects, and activities acquired and delivered by the end of the period of performance using the following programmatic metrics:

- Percentage of AFG Program personal protective equipment (PPE) recipients who equipped 100 percent of on-duty active members with PPE in compliance with applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.
- Percentage of AFG Program equipment recipients who reported that the grant award brought them into compliance with either state, local, NFPA, or OSHA standards.
- Percentage of AFG Program grant recipients who reported having successfully replaced their fire vehicles in accordance with industry standards.
- Percentage of AFG Program training recipients who reported that the grant award allows their members to achieve firefighter training level I and firefighter training level II within one year of coming into service.
- Percentage of AFG Program wellness and fitness recipients who reported that the grant award allows their members to achieve minimum physical and/or mental operational readiness requirements through tailored health-related fitness programs.
- Percentage of AFG Program modifications to facilities recipients who reported that the grant award brought them into compliance with either state, local, NFPA, or OSHA standards on housing and readiness posture.

B. Federal Award Information

1. Available Funding for the NOFO:	\$319,500,000.00 ¹
2. Projected number of Awards:	2,000

¹ Note that this figure differs from the total amount appropriated under the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act*, 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-93. In this FY 2020 AFG NOFO, percentages of “available grant funds” refers to the total amount appropriated—\$355,000,000—by Pub. L. No. 116-93 to meet the statutory requirements of § 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, as amended (codified at 15 U.S.C. § 2229). 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. \$35,500,000 will be allocated to FP&S for FY 2020.