

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Possible Funding Opportunities Available for Pima Association of Governments Projects

Grant/Program: Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG)

Authorizing Agency: The United States Department of Homeland Security

Authorizing Agency Contact Person: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, DHS/FEMA/GPD, 800 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20472-3620. Helpdesk Phone: (866) 274-0960, Fax: (202) 786-9938, E-Mail: www.firegrant@dhs.gov.

Available Funding: \$210 million; maximum grant is \$15 million.

Distribution or Appointment of Formula: Competitive.

Grant/Program Description: The purpose of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants is to fund fire prevention activities and to research and develop improvements to firefighter safety. Fire prevention grants are designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and related hazards. Fire Prevention and Safety grants are separated into two "activities". The projects that can be funded are listed below:(1) Fire Prevention and Safety: Applicants can apply for up to three projects. Public education campaigns, Smoke Alarms, Sprinkler Awareness, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Firefighter Safety, Training, Wildfire Prevention /Awareness, Arson Prevention/Awareness, Risk Assessment, General Prevention/Awareness. Applicants requesting Risk Assessments are precluded for applying for additional projects. (2) Firefighter Safety Research and Development: The purpose of this funding activity is to improve firefighter health and life safety through research and development projects. All projects must address injury outcomes or their surrogates such as firefighter fitness or health indicators. Applicants must submit only one application during this application period and may include either one or both activities. This is an online application that is accessible at www.firegrantsupport.com.

Possible Qualifying PAG Projects:

- Fire Department Operational Support for Facility to House Support and Specialty Vehicles, Add Beds, and Store Homeland Security Equipment and Supplies.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible applicants for the Fire Prevention and Safety Activity include fire departments, and national, regional, state, local, or community organizations recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities. These include private and public nonprofit organizations. Eligible applicants for the Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity include national, regional, state, local, or community organizations, such as academic, public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions, particularly those recognized for experience and expertise in firefighter safety research and development programs or whose applications demonstrate the potential to improve firefighter safety. Private and public nonprofit organizations and non-Federal and non-governmental organizations are also eligible to apply for funding. Fire departments are not eligible to apply for funding under this activity.

Grant/Loan Priorities: Unknown.

Application Instructions: Apply at www.grants.gov under CDFA number 97.044 - Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Application Deadline: Unknown. Was March 6, 2009, but may be extended.

Websites Available:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Recovery Website -
http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/gc_1235067544334.shtm