



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Overview: FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

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Assistance to Firefighters Grant Overview

The core mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is to enhance the ability of State, local and tribal governments to prepare, prevent, and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness and provides funds directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations. These awards aim to help these organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs.

There are two areas of eligible activities that can be funded through AFG awards:

- **Operations and Safety Program Area:** Eligible activities for fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations are limited to training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities.
- **Vehicle Acquisition Program Area:** Eligible apparatus available to fire departments under this program area include, but are not limited to, pumpers, brush trucks, tankers/tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam units, and fireboats.

In prior years, applicants could only submit one application for one of the program areas; however, in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 AFG, eligible applicants may submit two separate applications for consideration under each area. The FY 2007 AFG will also allow eligible applicants to submit a third application for a regional project in which multiple organizations serving more than one local jurisdiction benefit directly from the activities implemented with the grant funds.

Each year, DHS brings together a panel of fire service professionals representing the nine major fire service organizations to recommend funding priorities and other implementation criteria for AFG. The Department uses a competitive process overseen by fire service subject matter experts to award grants to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the AFG program.

AFG Award Distribution — FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	Amount Available for Awards	Number of Awards
FY 2004	\$685.5 million	7,881
FY 2005*	\$606.1 million	5,966
FY 2006 **	\$485.6 million	Approx 5,000
FY 2007 ***	\$492.3 million	TBD
Total	\$2.269 billion	18,847

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****Awardees have not yet been determined.*

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Total Funding Available in FY 2007: \$492.3 million

Purpose: The FY 2007 AFG awards grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations. These awards aim to help these organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for the FY 2007 AFG program are limited to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations operating within the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Interested applicants can access the FY 2007 AFG application through the AFG website (www.firegrantsupport.com), the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) website (www.usfa.fema.gov), and the Grants.gov website (www.grants.gov).

Important Dates: The FY 2007 AFG application period will open March 29 and close May 4 at 5:00 PM EDT.

Matching Requirements: Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations serving populations of over 50,000 must match the Federal grant funds with an amount of non-Federal funds equal to 20 percent of the total project cost.

Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations serving populations between 20,000 and 50,000 must match the Federal grant funds with an amount of non-Federal funds equal to 10 percent of the total project cost.

Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations serving areas with a population 20,000 or fewer must match the Federal grant funds with an amount of non-Federal funds equal to 5 percent of the total project cost.

All non-Federal match funds must be in cash; in-kind contributions are not acceptable. No waivers of this requirement will be granted except for applicants located in Insular Areas as provided for in 48 U.S.C. § 1469a.

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Funding History FY 2004 – FY 2005 by State*

State	FY 04 Award Amount	FY 05 Award Amount
Alabama	\$25,217,511.00	\$21,697,133.00
Alaska	\$2,521,867.00	\$3,196,147.00
American Samoa	\$284,200.00	
Arizona	\$9,808,112.00	\$8,099,262.00
Arkansas	\$13,680,533.00	\$10,788,768.00
California	\$29,843,711.00	\$26,322,856.00
Colorado	\$5,690,490.00	\$6,162,016.00
Connecticut	\$10,168,840.00	\$7,419,699.00
Delaware	\$1,755,019.00	\$1,160,865.00
District of Columbia		\$453,340.00
Florida	\$15,969,695.00	\$17,990,451.00
Georgia	\$11,857,233.00	\$10,398,784.00
Hawaii	\$864,414.00	\$1,205,703.00
Idaho	\$4,827,841.00	\$4,752,108.00
Illinois	\$27,658,218.00	\$27,296,534.00
Indiana	\$18,774,228.00	\$16,602,571.00
Iowa	\$16,540,967.00	\$13,118,935.00
Kansas	\$10,630,573.00	\$7,340,890.00
Kentucky	\$16,149,966.00	\$14,362,997.00
Louisiana	\$11,392,848.00	\$12,062,873.00
Maine	\$10,031,589.00	\$6,212,636.00
Maryland	\$10,227,269.00	\$8,810,320.00
Massachusetts	\$13,982,256.00	\$14,133,129.00
Michigan	\$21,037,720.00	\$15,999,734.00
Minnesota	\$18,939,647.00	\$15,533,086.00
Mississippi	\$11,564,925.00	\$9,856,174.00
Missouri	\$17,919,220.00	\$14,381,291.00
Montana	\$7,290,158.00	\$6,787,945.00
Nebraska	\$6,577,670.00	\$5,134,290.00
Nevada	\$1,405,776.00	\$2,129,085.00
New Hampshire	\$5,919,208.00	\$4,689,457.00
New Jersey	\$16,758,067.00	\$14,983,948.00
New Mexico	\$3,652,881.00	\$2,259,101.00
New York	\$35,370,084.00	\$37,167,299.00
North Carolina	\$22,442,417.00	\$19,964,563.00
North Dakota	\$3,391,282.00	\$3,145,977.00
Northern Mariana		\$220,000.00
Ohio	\$29,423,781.00	\$28,707,820.00
Oklahoma	\$10,450,850.00	\$9,045,277.00
Oregon	\$10,122,239.00	\$10,305,659.00
Pennsylvania	\$48,174,148.00	\$41,470,537.00
Puerto Rico	\$1,140,332.00	\$1,104,781.00
Rhode Island	\$1,917,662.00	\$2,144,744.00

South Carolina	\$14,299,032.00	\$11,436,793.00
South Dakota	\$4,693,026.00	\$3,632,011.00
Tennessee	\$18,905,249.00	\$15,709,569.00
Texas	\$30,146,931.00	\$23,835,582.00
Utah	\$3,893,429.00	\$2,188,035.00
Vermont	\$4,747,164.00	\$2,674,871.00
Virginia	\$16,998,252.00	\$14,881,633.00
Washington	\$19,754,621.00	\$16,094,816.00
West Virginia	\$9,210,972.00	\$10,551,786.00
Wisconsin	\$19,668,459.00	\$18,488,797.00
Wyoming	\$1,811,556.00	\$2,032,579.00
Totals	\$685,504,138.00	\$606,145,257.00

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