



FEMA

FY 2006 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S)

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program includes an important component, the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program. FP&S supports the full range of activities that can reduce fire and fire-related losses to both our Nation's firefighters and the public. Congress stipulated that a minimum of 5% of the funds provided to the AFG will be spent for these purposes.

*In FY 2006, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program will award approximately **\$27 million** directly to fire departments and fire prevention and firefighter safety research organizations to reduce losses from fire and fire-related hazards.*

Purpose

The purpose of the FP&S is to provide support for funding efforts to mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards, especially in high-risk target groups such as children, adults over 65, and firefighters. In addition, FP&S supports Firefighter Safety Research and Development activities that will address firefighter safety, wellness, fitness, or health. Using a competitive process and fire service subject matter experts, DHS awards grants to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the FP&S program.

Funding

FEMA will award approximately \$27 million through the FY 2006 FP&S grants.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for FP&S grants include fire departments, as well as national, regional, State, local, or community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention or fire safety programs and activities. Finally, private, and public nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, non-Federal governmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and individual researchers (i.e. doctoral candidates) are eligible to apply for funding for firefighter safety research and development activities.

Program Highlights

All eligible applications were evaluated through a peer review process. Applicants rated favorably through the peer review process received a subsequent technical evaluation by subject matter specialists. Applications that most closely met the evaluation elements were considered for award. Applicants were permitted to request up to a total of \$1 million and could submit one application with up to three separate projects for consideration under the two below program areas:

Fire Prevention and Safety Activity:

- Public education
- Arson prevention and awareness
- Code enforcement and awareness
- Wildfire prevention and education
- Juvenile fire setter intervention
- Burn prevention
- Media/public relations campaigns
- Sprinkler awareness campaigns
- Smoke alarm distribution

Firefighter Safety Research and Development:

- Data collection and analysis projects
- Sociological studies
- Problem focused technology studies

Program Coordination

The following entities were involved in developing the FY 2006 FP&S guidance:

- Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - National Preparedness Directorate (NPD)
 - U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)
- External Partners
 - International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
 - International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
 - National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
 - National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM)
 - International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
 - International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI)
 - North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD)
 - Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI)
 - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)