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**REMINDER:** The Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) application period will close on Friday, December 5. **Applications must be received no later than at 5 p.m. Eastern Time**. No exceptions will be made for submissions after 5 pm Eastern Time so submit your application on time.

Complete your application today at http://www.fema.gov/e-grant-application-access

FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application Assistance Tools

- Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
  - o Program Guidance
- E-Grant Application Access
- 2014 AFG Cost Share Calculator
- 2014 AFG Application Workshop Presentation
- SAM.gov Get Ready Guide
  - Sam.gov application preparation guide
- AFG Get Ready Guides
  - AFG Narrative
  - O Grants Management
  - o Grant Application
- Self-Evaluation Vehicle Acquisition
  - Vehicle application assistance
- Self-Evaluation Operations & Safety
  - Operations & Safety application assistance
- Application Checklist
  - o This checklist will help you prepare your AFG grant application
- FY 2014 AFG Program FAQs

## **APPLICATION REVIEW CHECKLIST**

## \* Applications cannot be edited once submitted \*

- **Proofread your application:** Mistakes or errors on your AFG application can disqualify your organization for grant award consideration.
- If you included any "filler" or placeholder text while filling out your application, update the application fields with your final and complete answers
- Do the sequences of your sentences and paragraphs present clear thoughts and ideas?
- Does your narrative explain your organizations needs in a way that someone would easily understand?
- Check your inventory amounts and costs for all items that you are requesting and confirm that there are no discrepancies between the **Request Details** Information section of the application and the **Narrative**.
- Have all application fields, or questions, been answered?
- Make sure that you have described **your organizations** needs in **your** voice, **do not** use boilerplate language or copy from vendors, manufacturers, etc.
- Ask a colleague who is not involved with the actual writing of the grant to proofread your application.
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## WEB BROWSER REMINDERS

- For best results, use Internet Explorer when completing your online AFG application. Alternate browsers, such as Chrome, Firefox and Safari, may have limited functionality in the application.
- Avoid opening multiple web browsers or multiple windows when completing and submitting your AFG
  application; this has caused technical problems for some users.

Internet Explorer users, please do the following before logging into the site:

- Click on tools, and then click on Internet Options.
- Under the General tab click on the settings button under browsing history.
- Make sure it is set to "Check for newer versions of stored pages. (update to) every time you visit the page."
- Then click the "delete" button and delete your te