

Jerry Haynie presented the Road Manager Report to The Board of Supervisors. No action was taken.

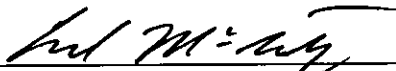
**ORDER: APPROVE PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE SAFER GRANT
FROM FEMA FOR STAFFING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AT NO
COST TO THE COUNTY**


Motion was made by Kevin Frye, duly seconded by Mike Roberts, to approve permission to apply for the SAFER Grant from FEMA for staffing of Fire Department at no cost to the county.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye, voted yes
Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, Vice-President McLarty, declared the motion carried, this the 7th day of March, 2016.


Chad McLarty, Vice President
Board of Supervisors


Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

The Department of Homeland Security
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

FY2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

NOTE: Applicants pursuing this funding opportunity who have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) should take immediate action to obtain a DUNS number, if applicable, and then register immediately in SAM. It may take four weeks or more after SAM registration submittal before the registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize the 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>

A. Program Description

Issued By

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number
97.083

CFDA Title

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Notice of Funding Opportunity Title

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

NOFO Number

DHS-15-GPD-083-000-99

Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, (Pub. L. No. 93-498), as amended (15 U.S.C. § 2229a)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. No. 114-4)

Program Type

New

Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. The goal of the SAFER Grant Program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA shall 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 a SAFER Grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole

SAFER intends to improve or restore local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively and safely respond to emergencies. With enhanced or restored staffing levels, recipients should experience a reduction in response times and an increase in the number of trained personnel assembled at the incident scene.

While not required for a SAFER Grant, it is preferable that the enhanced or restored staffing levels of all SAFER recipients should ensure all first-arriving apparatus are staffed with a minimum of four qualified personnel (to meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710/1720 standards) who are capable of initiating the suppression response. Ultimately, SAFER recipients should achieve more efficient responses and safer incident scenes; thereby ensuring communities have improved protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The National Preparedness System is the instrument the nation employs to build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities in order to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (Goal) of a secure and resilient nation. Complex and far-reaching threats and hazards require a collaborative and whole community approach to national preparedness that engages individuals, families, communities, private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and all levels of government. The guidance, programs, processes, and systems that support each component of the National Preparedness System allow for the integration of preparedness efforts that build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities and achieve the desired outcomes identified in the Goal while maintaining the civil rights of individuals.

The FY 2015 SAFER Grant plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the Goal of a secure and resilient nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government.

The FY 2015 SAFER Grant's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas. Examples of desired outcomes for FY 2015 SAFER include building and sustaining core capabilities, such as Fire Management and Suppression, and Public Health and Medical Services.

Additional details on the National Preparedness Goal can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-goal>

The SAFER Grant Program is comprised of two categories:

- **Hiring of Firefighters**
 - Including subcategories for rehiring, retention, attrition, and new hires
 - Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments are eligible to apply
- **Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters**
 - Combination fire departments; volunteer fire departments; and national, state, local, or

tribal organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters are eligible to apply

B. Federal Award Information

Award Amounts, Important Dates, and Extensions

Available Funding for the NOFO: \$340,000,000

Projected number of Awards: 300

Period of Performance: 12-48 Months

Hiring Category: The period of performance will be 24 months for all grants awarded under the hiring category.

Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Category: The period of performance will be between 12 and 48 months for all grants awarded under the R&R category.

Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s): 6/30/2016

Projected Period of Performance End Date(s): 6/30/2017 – 6/30/2020

Extensions to the Period of Performance

Is an extension to the Period of Performance permitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

An extension to the period of performance for this program is allowed. Extensions to the period of performance may be granted when, due to circumstances beyond the control of the recipient, activities associated with the award cannot be completed within the stated performance period. For details on the requirements for requesting an extension to the period of performance, please refer to Appendix C: Award Administration Information, Section VII. Payments and Amendments, Amendments.

Funding Instrument: Grant

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

- Volunteer fire departments and combination fire departments may apply for funding under both the Hiring of Firefighters category and the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters category. Separate applications must be completed for each category. Applicants are limited to one application per category, per application period. If an applicant submits two applications for the same category during a single application period, both applications will be disqualified.
- Career fire departments may apply for funding only under the Hiring of Firefighters category. Applicants are limited to one application per application period. If an applicant submits two applications, both applications will be disqualified.
- Municipalities and fire districts may submit applications on behalf of fire departments lacking the legal status to do so, such as those under the support of the municipality or district. The municipality or fire district may submit only one application for hiring per application period for each eligible fire department within the municipality or fire district.
- National, state, local, or tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters

and individual fire departments (volunteer or combination) may only apply for funding under the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters category. Applicants are limited to one application per application period. If an applicant submits two applications, both applications will be disqualified.

Table 1 identifies, in general, eligible entities that can apply for FY 2015 SAFER Funding within each category.

Table 1: Eligible Entities

Entity Category	Volunteer Fire Departments	Combination Fire Departments	Career Fire Departments	National, state, local, or tribal volunteer firefighter interest organization
Hiring of Firefighters Category	✓	✓	✓	
Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Category	✓	✓		✓

Other Eligibility Requirements

The following entity types are **NOT** eligible to apply under this announcement:

- Federal fire departments and fire departments under contract to the Federal Government whose sole responsibility is the suppression of fires on federal installations or lands;
- For-profit fire departments and organizations (e.g., fire departments that do not have specific nonprofit status or that are not municipally based);
- Ambulance services, emergency medical service organizations, rescue squads, auxiliaries, dive teams, and urban search and rescue teams;
- Non-federal airport or port authority fire departments whose sole responsibility is suppression of fires on the airport grounds or port facilities, unless the airport/port fire department has a formally recognized arrangement with the local jurisdiction to provide fire suppression on a first-due basis outside the confines of the airport or port facilities;
- Fire stations that are part of, controlled by, or under the day-to-day operational direction of a larger fire department or agency, or that are not otherwise independent;
- State and local agencies, such as forest service, fire marshals, emergency management offices, hospitals, and training offices;
- Career fire departments (under the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters category); and
- National, state, local, or tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters, supporting firefighter volunteerism, or otherwise having an interest in volunteer firefighters (under the Hiring of Firefighters category).

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation

SAFER applicants are not required to be in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to apply for SAFER Funding or to receive an SAFER Award. Any applicant who receives an FY 2015 SAFER Award must achieve the level of NIMS compliance required by the authority having command and control jurisdiction over the applicant's emergency service operations (e.g., a local government), prior to the end of the grant's period of performance.

Maintenance of Effort

There are no maintenance of effort requirements for the FY 2015 SAFER Program.

Cost Share or Match

SAFER recipients are not required to contribute a cost share towards the cost of hiring firefighters or recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters under this program.

D. Application and Submission Information

Key Dates and Times

Date posted to Grants.gov:	02/16/2016
Application Start Date:	02/22/2016 at 8:00 AM EST
Application Submission Deadline:	03/25/2016 at 5:00 PM EST
Anticipated Program Office Review Dates:	5/16/2016 – 5/20/2016
Anticipated Funding Selection Date:	06/01/2016

Application Submission Extension

In general, DHS/FEMA will not review applications received after the deadline or consider them for funding. DHS/FEMA may, however, extend the application deadline on request for any applicant who can demonstrate good cause exists to justify extending the deadline. Good cause for an extension may include technical problems outside of the applicant's control that prevent submission of the application by the deadline, or other exigent or emergency circumstances. If applicants experience technical issues, they must notify the FEMA Help Desk as soon as possible.

Key Dates

Event	Suggested Deadline For Completion
Obtaining DUNS Number	Four weeks before actual submission deadline (February 26, 2016)
Obtaining a valid EIN	Four weeks before actual submission deadline (February 26, 2016)
Updating SAM registration	Four weeks before actual submission date (February 26, 2016)
Application submission deadline	Friday, March 25, 2016

Address to Request Application Package

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) eGrants system is only accessible through the