

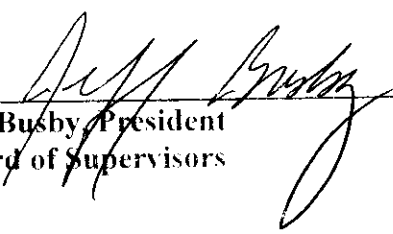
**ORDER: AUTHORIZE FIRE COORDINATOR, WES ANDERSON TO APPLY  
FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY \$30,000.00 GRANT,  
THE COUNTY'S SHARE WOULD BE \$1,500.00**

Motion was made by Chad McLarty, duly seconded by Kevin Frye, to authorize Fire Coordinator, Wes Anderson to apply for the Fire Prevention and Safety \$30,000.00 grant, the county's share would be \$1,500.00

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, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Jeff Busby, President  
Board of Supervisors

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Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

\$30,000 w/ 5% local share

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Notice of Funding Opportunity  
FY 2018 Fire Prevention and Safety**

**NOTE:** If you are going to apply for this funding opportunity and have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), please take immediate action to obtain a DUNS Number, if applicable, and then to register immediately in SAM. It may take 4 weeks or more after you submit your SAM registration before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize your 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>. Detailed information regarding DUNS and SAM is also provided in Section D of this NOFO, subsection, Content and Form of Application Submission.

**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**

97.044

**CFDA Title**

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Title**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

**NOFO Number**

DHS-18-GPD-044-000-98

**Authorizing Authority for Program**

Section 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974* (Pub. L. No. 93-498, as amended) (15 U.S.C. § 2229)

**Appropriation Authority for Program**

*Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141)

**Program Type**

New

**Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities**

***Program Overview***

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency

Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The Grant Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program as part of the AFG Program.

The FY 2018 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program is set against the backdrop of a year in which the United States faced numerous and unprecedented homeland security challenges. These included the three major hurricanes that devastated parts of Texas, Florida, and much of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as massive wildfires across California. In addition to these natural disasters, the Nation also responded to multiple incidents as part of the evolving threat landscape, including witnessing the first known terrorist attack executed against mass transportation on our soil; cyberattacks against critical port infrastructure; and mass casualty events involving both vehicles and active shooters.

The National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) defines what it means to be prepared for such diverse and complicated events. The National Preparedness System is the instrument the Nation employs to build, sustain, and deliver the core capabilities needed to achieve the goal of a more secure and resilient Nation. The development and sustainment of these core capabilities is not exclusive to any single level of government or organization, but rather requires the combined effort of the whole community. To that end, the FY 2018 FP&S Program represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the FP&S Program supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

The recently released 2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan creates a shared vision for the field of emergency management and sets an ambitious, yet achievable, path forward to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country. The FP&S Program supports the goal of Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters. We invite all of our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building a stronger agency and a more prepared and resilient nation.

### ***Program Objectives***

The purpose of the FP&S Grant Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

The objective of the FY 2018 FP&S Grant Program is for grantees to carry out fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

In awarding grants, the Administrator of FEMA is required to 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; and
- The extent of an applicant's need for an FP&S Grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole.

### **Activities**

FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities. This NOFO provides potential eligible applicants with application requirements and details for processing and evaluating applications for financial assistance for both of these activity areas.

- **Fire Prevention and Safety Activity (FP&S):** The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries, and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards.

Accordingly, the four project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

1. Community Risk Reduction;
2. Code Enforcement/Awareness;
3. Fire & Arson Investigation; and
4. National/State/Regional Programs and Studies.

Each category within this activity has specific priorities. For additional details, please see Appendix B – Programmatic Information and Priorities, Section II. Funding Priorities.

- **Firefighter Safety Research and Development (R&D) Activity:** The R&D Activity is aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries.

The six project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

1. Clinical Studies;
2. Technology and Product Development;
3. Database System Development;
4. Dissemination and Implementation Research;
5. Preliminary Studies; and
6. Early Career Investigator.

### **Performance Metrics**

Performance metrics for this program are as follows:

- **FP&S Activity**
  - Community Risk Reduction:
    1. Decrease in fire incidents per 100 residents in target population
    2. Decrease in fire deaths per 1000 residents in target population

3. Percent of whole community population trained
  4. Percent of target population trained
  5. Local number of lives saved
  6. Local number of Quality-adjusted life years (QALY)
- Code Enforcement/Awareness:
    1. Decrease in percentage of total fire losses occurring in inspectable occupancies
    2. Decrease in number of structural fires/1000 residents of inspectable occupancies
    3. Decrease in fire deaths/1000 residents of inspectable occupancies
    4. Decrease in inspectable property structure fires with at least \$25,000 in loss
  - Fire and Arson Investigation:
    1. Increase in percentage of fires where cause is determined
    2. Increase in arson arrest and conviction rates
  - National/State/Regional Programs and Studies:
    1. Number of firefighters trained
  - **R&D Activity (All Categories)**
    1. Number of Training Academies adopting training materials developed through FP&S Research (breakout by Career and Volunteer)
    2. Number of firefighters trained with materials developed through FP&S Research (breakout by Career and Volunteer)
    3. Industry standards influenced, changed, or added through FP&S Research

Data for these metrics will be collected throughout the life of the grant during reporting and closeout.

### ***Program Priorities***

For information on program priorities and objectives for the FY 2018 FP&S Grant Program, refer to Appendix B – Programmatic Information and Priorities. The FP&S Program also addresses the following “Core Capabilities” of the National Preparedness Goal:

- Fire Management and Suppression
- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Environmental Response/Health and Safety
- Threats and Hazards Identification
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Community Resilience
- Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction

**B. Federal Award Information**

**Award Amounts, Important Dates, and Extensions**

**Available Funding for the NOFO:** \$35,000,000

**Projected Number of Awards:** 150

**Period of Performance:** 12 – 36 months. Extensions are permitted. For additional information on period of performance extensions, refer to Section H: Additional Information.

- **FP&S Activity:** The period of performance for projects funded under the FP&S Activity is generally 12 months. Eligible applicants who propose complex projects, such as those under the National/Regional/State Programs and Studies project category, may apply for up to a 24-month period of performance from the date of award.
- **R&D Activity:** The period of performance for projects proposed under the R&D Activity is 12, 24, or 36 months from the date of award.

**Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s):** 06/01/2019

**Projected Period of Performance End Date(s):** 05/31/2020 – 05/31/2022

**Funding Instrument:** Grant

**C. Eligibility Information**

**Eligible Applicants**

The following entities are eligible to apply directly to FEMA under this NOFO:

**1. Fire Prevention and Safety Activity (FP&S)**

Fire departments; and national, regional, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

For-profit organizations, federal agencies, and individuals are not eligible to receive an FP&S Grant Award under the FP&S Activity.

**2. Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity (R&D)**

National, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations, such as academic (e.g., universities), public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

Fire departments are not eligible to apply for funding in the R&D Activity. Additionally, for-profit organizations, federal agencies, and individuals are not eligible to receive a grant award under the R&D Activity.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities:

- **Fire Prevention and Safety Activity:** FP&S Projects are designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards.
- **Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity:** R&D Projects are aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries.

Each activity has its own application and eligibility requirements. These requirements are outlined in Appendix B – Programmatic Information and Priorities.

### **Other Eligibility Criteria**

#### ***National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)***

NFIRS reporting is not a requirement to apply for any FP&S Program; however, fire departments that receive funding under this program must agree to provide information to the NFIRS for the period covered by the assistance. If a recipient does not currently participate in the incident reporting system and does not have the capacity to report at the time of the award, that recipient must agree to provide information to the system for a twelve-month period commencing as soon as possible after they develop the capacity to report. Capacity to report to the NFIRS must be established prior to the termination of the performance period. The recipient may be asked by FEMA to provide proof of compliance in reporting to NFIRS. Any recipient that stops reporting to NFIRS during their grant's period of performance may be subject to the remedies for noncompliance at 2 C.F.R. § 200.338, unless they have yet to develop the capacity to report to NFIRS, as described above.

#### ***National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation***

FP&S Grant Program applicants are not required to comply with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to apply for funding under this NOFO or to be awarded a grant under this NOFO. However, any applicant that receives an FY 2018 FP&S Grant Program 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***

A maintenance of effort is required under this program for all recipients, unless modified by a waiver, subject to waiver eligibility. An applicant seeking an award under this NOFO shall agree to maintain during the term of the grant, the applicant's aggregate expenditures relating to the activities allowable under this NOFO at not less than 80 percent (80%) of the average amount of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the grant award is received.

For more information on waiver eligibility, please see Appendix C – Award Administration Information, Section I. Economic Hardship Waivers of Cost Share and Maintenance of Effort Requirements for the FP&S Grant Program for more information.

### ***Cost Share or Match***

An eligible applicant seeking an FP&S Grant Program award to carry out an activity shall agree to make available non-federal funds to carry out such activity in an amount equal to and not less than 5 percent of the grant awarded. The cost share is automatically calculated by the eGrant system in the Budget section of the application.

All recipients should ensure that they are thoroughly familiar with FEMA's cost sharing requirements identified below, as well as the appropriate cost principles as identified at 2 C.F.R. § 200.101(b)(1).

The recipient is not required to have the cost share at the time of application. However, before a grant is awarded, FEMA may contact potential awardees to determine whether the recipient has the funding in hand or if the recipient has a viable plan to obtain the funding necessary to fulfill the cost sharing requirement.

### ***Types of Cost Share***

#### **1) Cash**

Cost share match (cash or "hard match"), including non-federal cash spent for project-related costs.

#### **2) In-Kind**

Cost share match (also known as "soft match" or non-cash) are allowable for FP&S grants. This includes using the values for the following in-kind contributions to meet the cost share requirement:

- Complimentary activities (such as providing additional smoke alarms for installation or education materials for public education); and
- Provision of staff, facilities, services, material, or equipment.

In-kind is the value of something received or provided that does not have a cost associated with it. For example, where an in-kind match is permitted, then the value of donated services could be used to comply with the match requirement. Also, third party in-kind contributions may count toward satisfying match requirements, provided the recipient receiving the contributions expends them as



allowable costs in compliance with provisions listed above.

Recipients who use in-kind contributions for their five percent cost share must comply with all applicable regulations and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 regarding matching or cost-sharing. Applicants who are under consideration for award and plan to use in-kind as their method for cost sharing will be asked to submit their plan for documenting and verifying in-kind contributions prior to award. Please see 2 C.F.R. § 200.306, as applicable, for further guidance regarding cost matching.

For more information on 2 C.F.R. Part 200, please visit  
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/101236>.

#### ***Economic Hardship Waivers***

The Administrator of FEMA may waive or reduce cost share requirements in cases of demonstrated economic hardship. Please see Appendix C – Award Administration Information, Section I. Economic Hardship Waivers of Cost Share and Maintenance of Effort Requirements for the FP&S Grant Program for more information.

#### **D. Application and Submission Information**

##### ***Key Dates and Times***

Date Posted to Grants.gov:	11/12/2018
Application Start Date:	11/12/2018
Application Submission Deadline:	12/21/2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST
Anticipated Funding Selection Date:	03/01/2019
Anticipated Award Date:	06/01/2019

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 that 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. The AFG Help Desk can be reached at 1-866-274-0960 or by e-mail: [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov). The Help Desk is open Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm EST.

##### ***Other Key Dates***

Event	Suggested Deadline for Completion
Obtaining DUNS Number	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Obtaining a valid EIN	Eight weeks before actual submission deadline
Updating SAM registration	Four weeks before actual submission deadline
Submitting complete application in eGrants	One week before actual submission deadline