

**ORDER: APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FEMA FIRE SAFETY GRANT TO  
PURCHASE SMOKE ALARMS TO OFFER TO COUNTY RESIDENTS, \$250.00  
MATCH REQUIRED**

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by Larry Gillespie, to approve application for FEMA Fire Safety Grant to purchase smoke alarms to offer to County residents, \$250.00 match required.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes  
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes  
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes  
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes  
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.



Mike Roberts, President  
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

**The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Fiscal Year 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program**

**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 four 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 – Application and Submission Information** of this NOFO, subsection, Content and Form of Application Submission. An active registration is required in order to apply for funding.

**A. Program Description**

- 1. Issued By**  
Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),  
Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)
- 2. Assistance Listings (formerly Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number)**  
97.044
- 3. Assistance Listings Title (formerly CFDA Title)**  
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)
- 4. Funding Opportunity Title**  
FY 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant
- 5. Funding Opportunity Number**  
DHS-20-GPD-044-00-97
- 6. 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) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2018-title15/pdf/USCODE-2018-title15-chap49-sec2229.pdf>
- 7. Appropriation Authority for Program**  
*Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020* (Pub. L. No. 116-93)  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-116publ93/pdf/PLAW-116publ93.pdf>
- 8. Announcement Type**  
Initial

## 9. Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities

### Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program (hereafter referred to as the FP&S Program) is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, national, regional, state, local, tribal and non-profit organizations such as academic (e.g., universities), public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions for fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The FP&S Program represents one part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Strategic Plan, the FP&S Program supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. In awarding grants, the FEMA Administrator is required to consider:

- The findings and recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Panel;
- 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 Program grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole.

The 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.

### Objectives

The objectives of the FP&S Program are to provide critically needed resources 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.

### Priorities

Information on program priorities and objectives for the FY 2020 FP&S Program can be found in Appendix B – Programmatic Information and Priorities.

## 10. Performance Metrics

The grant recipient is required to collect data to allow FEMA to measure performance of the awarded grant in support of the FP&S Program metrics, which are tied to the programmatic objectives and priorities. In order to measure performance, FEMA will request information throughout the period of performance. In its final performance report

submitted at closeout, the recipient must submit sufficient information to demonstrate it has met the performance goal as stated in its award. FEMA will measure the recipient's performance of the grant by comparing the number of items, supplies, projects, and activities needed and requested in its application with the number of items, supplies, projects, and activities acquired and delivered by the end of the period of performance using the following programmatic metrics:

#### **FP&S Activity**

- **Community Risk Reduction:**
  1. Decrease in fire incidents per 1,000 residents in target population
  2. Decrease in fire deaths per 1,000 residents in target population
  3. Percent of whole community population trained
  4. Percent of target population trained
  5. Local number of lives saved
- **Code Enforcement/Awareness:**
  1. Decrease in percentage of total fire losses occurring in inspectable occupancies
  2. Decrease in structural fires per 1,000 residents of inspectable occupancies
  3. Decrease in fire deaths per 1,000 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 Projects:**
  1. Number of firefighters trained

#### **Research and Development (R&D) Activity (All Categories)**

1. Number of Training Academies adopting training materials developed through FP&S Program Research (breakout by Career and Volunteer)
2. Number of firefighters trained with materials developed through FP&S Program Research (breakout by Career and Volunteer)
3. Industry standards influenced, changed, or added through FP&S Program Research

### **B. Federal Award Information**

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| <b>1. Available Funding for the NOFO:</b>  | \$35.5 million <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>2. Projected number of Awards:</b>  | 100                         |
| <b>3. Period of Performance:</b> 12 – 36 months from the date of award. Extensions to the period of performance are allowed. For additional information on period of performance |                             |

<sup>1</sup> Note that this figure differs from the total amount appropriated under the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020*, Pub. L. No. 116-93. In this FY 2020 FP&S NOFO, percentages of "available grant funds" refers to the total amount appropriated—\$355 million—by Pub. L. No. 116-93 to meet the statutory requirements of § 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (codified at 15 U.S.C. § 2229). A portion of these "available grant funds" will be allocated to the FP&S Program, which will have a separate NOFO and application period from the FY 2020 AFG Program. Allocated to FP&S for FY 2020 will be \$35.5 million.

extensions, refer to Section H.

FEMA awards only include one budget period, so it will be same as the period of performance. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 for definitions of “budget period” and “period of performance.”

- **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 Projects 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.
4. **Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s):** May 17, 2021 (will vary based on award date)
5. **Projected Period of Performance End Date(s):** May 16, 2022 – May 16, 2024 (will vary based on award date)
6. **Funding Instrument Type:** Grant

### C. Eligibility Information

#### 1. Eligible Applicants

##### a. FP&S Activity

Fire departments operating in any of the 50 states, as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,<sup>2</sup> or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization. A fire department is an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal or territorial authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area. National, regional, state, local, tribal and non-profit interest organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities are eligible applicants. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

##### b. Firefighter Safety R&D Activity:

National, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations, such as academic (e.g., universities), public health, occupational health, and injury

<sup>2</sup> The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are all defined as “States” in the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 2203(10).

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.

## **2. Eligible Activities**

- **FP&S Activity:** The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:
  1. Community Risk Reduction;
  2. Wildfire Risk Reduction;
  3. Code Enforcement/Awareness;
  4. Fire & Arson Investigation; and
  5. National/State/Regional Programs and Projects.
- **Firefighter Safety 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.

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

## **3. Other Eligibility Criteria**

### ***a. 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 the award performance period, commencing as soon as possible after they develop the capacity to report. Capacity to report to 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. § 200.339, unless it has yet to develop the capacity to report to NFIRS, as described above.