

# 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Guidance Is Now Available

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The open application period for the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program will run from August 15 – September 9, 2011. FEMA's AFG Program provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. If your department or agency has critical needs, AFG can help.

## Who's Eligible for AFG?

Paid, volunteer, and combination fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations from urban, suburban, and rural communities in the U.S. and its territories.

## What Does AFG Support?

- Firefighting and EMS equipment
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Fire and EMS vehicles
- Training programs
- Wellness and fitness programs
- Modifications to facilities

## What's New This Year?

- Funding priorities have been categorized as: High, medium, and low. Use our priority system to increase your chances of winning an award.
- We've added new items/activities eligible for funding in 2011: Behavioral health programs, boats under 20 Ft., and extended warranties.
- **Flashover simulators are not eligible for funding.**
- Applicants may apply for more than one vehicle. However, driver/operator training/certification is required in order to receive a vehicle award.

## Where Do I Apply?

Learn more about AFG and start your application online at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

## Need Help? Take Advantage of AFG Resources

We offer a variety of assistance to ensure that deserving applicants are successful:

- View an AFG Application Tutorial - Coming Soon!
- Review the AFG Program Guidance and Application Kit: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/afggrants/documents.shtm>
- Download the Get Ready Guide: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>
- Call or email the Help Desk: 1-866-274-0960 or [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov)
- Contact your Regional Representative: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/contact.shtm>
- Review applicable NFPA standards: <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>

## New This Year: Grant Recipients Must Register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System

As of August 2010, prime recipients of Federal grants are required to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system. As a potential grantee you are not required to register, but you may wish to do so now in case you receive an award. CCR registration will be required if you are selected for an award.

How to register:

1. Obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. If you already have a DUNS number, skip to #2.
2. Once you have a DUNS number, register here: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>.

For more information on grantee registration in the CCR system, download the AFG Get Ready Guide or visit their web site: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/grantees.aspx>