

## FY2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application Period Extended

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application period will be extended for one week due to Hurricane Irene response and recovery.

**The new deadline for AFG applications is September 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**

This extension of time will allow agencies affected to address the immediate needs of their communities while providing adequate opportunity for them to apply for grant assistance under the AFG program.

Hurricane Irene has affected a wide expanse of communities on the East Coast of the United States. FEMA recognizes that many of the eligible applicants for the AFG grant application period, that is presently open, are fire departments and non-affiliated EMS departments. FEMA understands that the most important focus should be on life and property.

Applicants who are in the process of completing an application can continue. Please note that the FEMA system did not have any disruption of service due to the storm and therefore, information submitted to date is intact. If applicants have not started their application yet, it's not too late. The AFG web site has tools available to assist with preparing competitive applications ([www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)).