

May 19, 2026

FEMA Opens Three Grants for Firefighters and First Responders





FEMA announced \$648 million in three funding opportunities to help firefighters and other first responders stay safe while protecting lives and communities nationwide. Through these opportunities, FEMA is empowering fire stations and other first responder organizations to get the equipment, staff, and support they need.

Available Grant Programs

The funding opportunities span three separate grant programs:

- **Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)** - for fire departments and other emergency medical services agencies. Funds can be used to equip and train emergency personnel, such as outfitting responders with personal protective equipment and purchasing emergency response vehicles. They also can be used to fund health, wellness and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents. [FY 2025 AFG NOFO](#).
- **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)** - for fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations. Funds can be used to increase the number of volunteer or paid firefighters by hiring new firefighters, converting part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time roles,



and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. [FY 2025 SAFER NOFO](#).

- **Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)** - for fire departments and non-profit organizations, academic and other research-oriented institutions. Funds can be used for fire prevention programs and research/clinical studies focused on firefighter safety, health or well-being research and development. [FY 2025 FP&S NOFO](#).

Applications due 06/22/26 by 5 pm for all three programs. Before applying, FEMA encourages applicants to review the various resources published on [FEMA.gov](#) which will help them develop strong applications.

Each grant opportunity is separate and requires its own application submission. Applicants intending to apply to multiple opportunities should carefully review the specific eligibility requirements, funding priorities, and application criteria associated with each NOFO.

Recommended First Steps

Applicants are encouraged to complete the following steps as soon as possible:

1. Review the applicable FY 2025 NOFO(s).
2. Confirm your organization's SAM.gov registration is active and current.
3. Ensure FEMA GO user accounts are established and accessible.
4. Register for upcoming training and live Q&A sessions.
5. Begin assembling required application materials immediately.

Application Workshop Schedule

Title	Date	Time	Link
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FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshop	May 19, 2026	10 AM - 4 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Workshop	May 20, 2026	10 AM – 12 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 SAFER Hiring Workshop	May 20, 2026	2 PM – 4 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 SAFER Recruitment and Retention Workshop	May 21, 2026	10 AM – 12 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Research and Development Workshop	May 21, 2026	2 PM – 4 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 SAFER Hiring Workshop	May 26, 2026	10 AM – 12 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Workshop	May 26, 2026	2 PM – 4 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page
FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshop	May 27, 2026	10 AM - 4 PM ET	Webinar Schedule page



FY 2025 SAFER
Recruit and
Retention Grant
Workshop

May 28, 2026

10 AM – 12 PM ET

[Webinar](#)
[Schedule page](#)

FY 2025 Fire
Prevention and
Safety Research
and
Development

May 28, 2026

2 PM – 4 PM ET

[Webinar](#)
[Schedule page](#)

To participate:

1. Visit the Workshop Schedule Page: [Click Here](#)
2. Review available session dates and times
3. Select the session link to register

Resources

- AFGP Home Page: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>
- AFG Regional Representatives:
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/regional-contacts>
- AFGP Help Desk:
 - Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET
 - Email: firegrants@fema.dhs.gov
 - Telephone (Toll-Free): 1-866-274-0960

