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Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts

Potential Funding for Emergency Services Districts

February 18, 2022

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There are three items every government grant will require:

- DUNS #
- EIN#
- SAM registration


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DUNS

- The Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S Number is a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses. This number is assigned once D & B's identifies a company as being unique from any other in the Dun & Bradstreet Data Cloud. The D-U-N-S Number is used as the starting point for any company's [Live Business Identity](#), the most comprehensive and continually updated view of any company in the Data Cloud.
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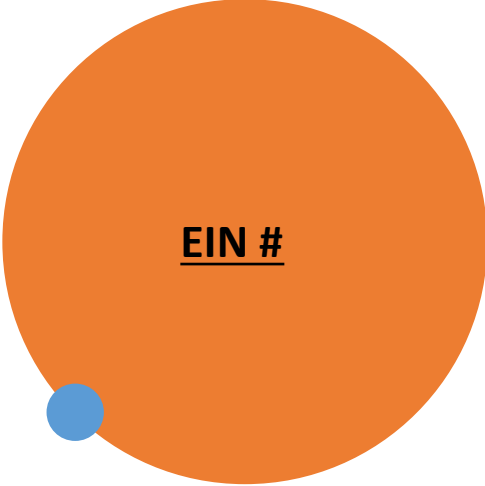
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- By April 4, 2022, the federal government will stop using the DUNS to uniquely identify entities registered in SAM. At that point, entities doing business with the federal government will use a UEI created in SAM.gov.

- Organizations currently registered in SAM.gov have already been assigned a new UEI, and it is viewable in their SAM.gov entity registration record. FEMA GO has also been updated to use the UEI as the Primary Entity Identifier for registered organizations. The DUNS number will still appear until the federal government stops using the DUNS in early April 2022.

- New registrations in both SAM and FEMA GO will require the use of the UEI.

- For more information about the transition, go to GSAFSD Service Portal Landing - GSA Federal Service Desk Service Portal and select the green "Help" on UEI Transition button.

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EIN #

An employer identification number (EIN) is a **nine-digit number assigned by the IRS**. It's used to identify the tax accounts of employers and certain others who have no employees. The IRS uses the number to identify taxpayers who are required to file various business tax returns. You need it to pay federal taxes, hire employees, [open a bank account](#), and apply for [business licenses and permits](#).

It is free to apply for an EIN

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System for Award Management (SAM)

A valid SAM.gov registration is now also required for government grants any payment or amendment request to an existing, open award.

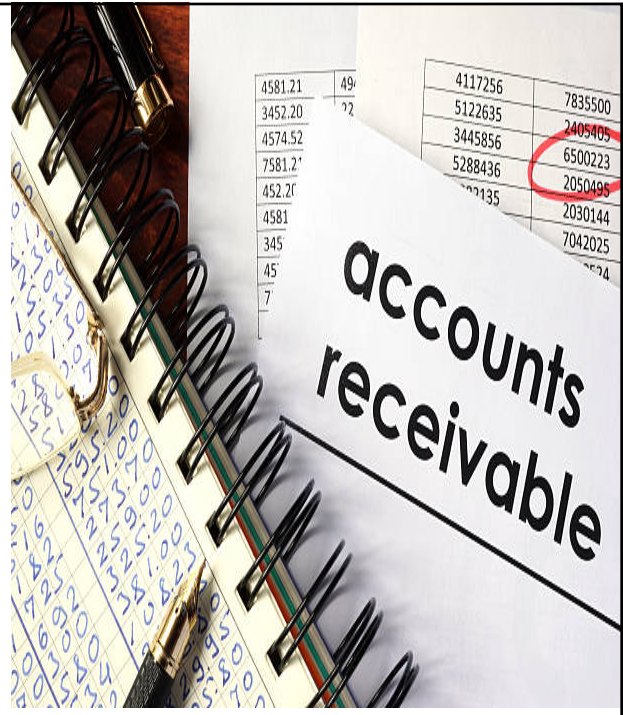
<https://sam.gov/content/home>

SAM registration and renewal is ALWAYS free.
Renewal is done on a yearly basis

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AUDIT

Most government grants will require an up-to-date single audit done by a licensed CPA.



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LOW-to- Moderate Income (LMI)

- Most government grants must meet the National Objective of benefiting at least 51% low-to-moderate income persons, which are defined as those who earn a set percentage (most often 80%) less than the median family income of the area.

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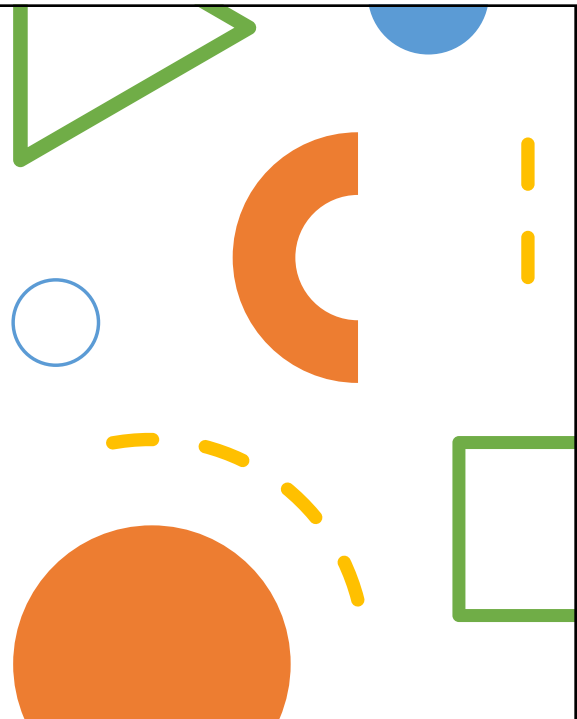
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CDBG MIT-MOD

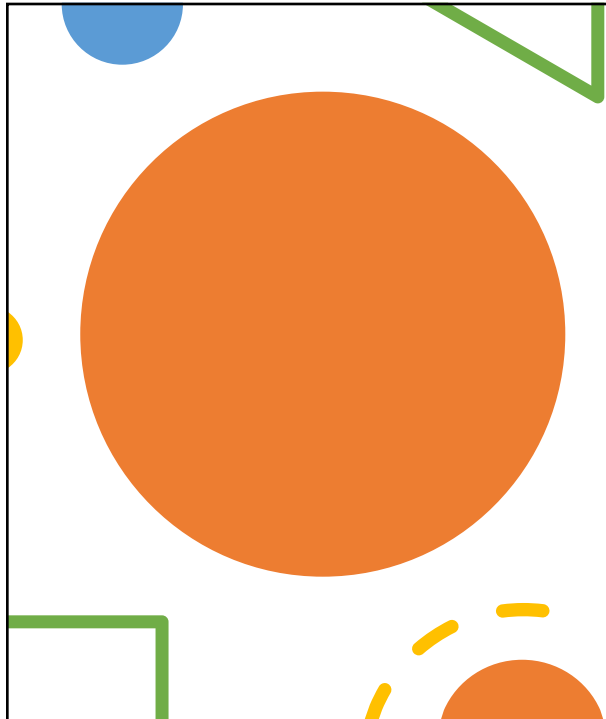
Through the Regional Mitigation Program, Council of Governments Methods of Distribution (COG MODs), established in the State of Texas CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Action Plan:

Building Stronger for a Resilient Future, each Council of Governments (COG) region impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 has been allocated funds for hazard mitigation projects.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) encourages the prioritization of regional investments with regional impacts in risk reduction for hurricanes, tropical storms and depressions, flooding, wind, and other hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure; upgrading of water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific, identified risks; financing multi-use infrastructure; and green or natural mitigation infrastructure development.



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While CDBG-MIT funds shall not be used for programs and projects to provide emergency response services, funds may be used for mitigation activities to enhance the resilience of facilities used to provide emergency response services, provided that such assistance is not used for buildings for the general conduct of government. Each COG will have an allotted time as designated in the COG's Performance Statement from the contract execution to develop a local Method of Distribution (MOD) for allocation of funds to units of local government (cities and counties) and Indian Tribes.

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Assistance to Firefighters Grants


Issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Grant Programs Directorate (GPD).

FY 2021 APPLICATION PERIOD: 11/8 - 1/21/2022 at 5PM ET

Applications are submitted on the FEMA.GO platform.

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Under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) grants programs, career and volunteer fire departments and other eligible organizations can receive funding through three different grants to:

- Enhance a fire department's/safety organization's ability to protect the health and safety of firefighters and the public.
- Assist fire prevention programs and support firefighter health and safety research and development.
- Increase or maintain the number of trained "front line" firefighters available in communities.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants


Application Period Closed

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants

Application Period Closed

Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Application Period Closed




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- The Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program is designed to enhance the health and safety of public and firefighting personnel and to provide support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.
- Funds may be used for:
- **Operations and safety activities such as:**
 - Training
 - Equipment
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Wellness and fitness programs
 - Modifications to facilities
- Vehicle acquisition
- Joint/regional interoperability projects

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- **Eligible applicants are:**
- Fire departments
- Nonaffiliated EMS organizations
- State Fire Training Academies

Award Ceiling: \$9,000,000

A cost share of up to 15% is required based on the population of the jurisdiction served.

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- **Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)**

- The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

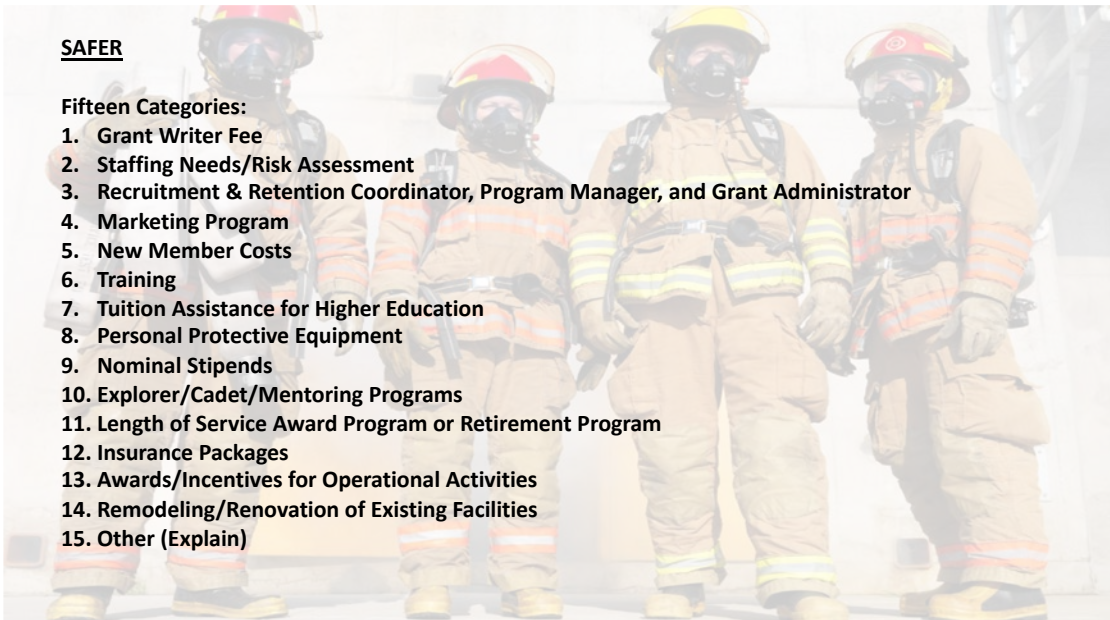
- The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). For details, review the [National Fire Protection Association's codes and standards](#).

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SAFER

Fifteen Categories:

1. Grant Writer Fee
2. Staffing Needs/Risk Assessment
3. Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, Program Manager, and Grant Administrator
4. Marketing Program
5. New Member Costs
6. Training
7. Tuition Assistance for Higher Education
8. Personal Protective Equipment
9. Nominal Stipends
10. Explorer/Cadet/Mentoring Programs
11. Length of Service Award Program or Retirement Program
12. Insurance Packages
13. Awards/Incentives for Operational Activities
14. Remodeling/Renovation of Existing Facilities
15. Other (Explain)



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Fire Prevention & Safety Grant (FP&S)

- **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.

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:

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The AFG Program supports the goal to Strengthen Preparedness and Resilience per the DHS Strategic Plan. In awarding grants, the FEMA Administrator is required to consider:

- 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;
- The extent of an applicant's need for an AFG Program grant and the need to protect the United States as a whole; and
- The number of calls requesting or requiring a firefighting or emergency medical response received by an applicant.

Applicants must have a written procurement policy, if federal grant funds will be used to procure property, services, or other items. All procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with the Federal Procurement Standards outlined in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.327](#)



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FY 2022, FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories:

Fire Prevention and Safety Activity: Projects designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death caused by fire and fire related hazards. The four project categories eligible for funding are:

1. Community Risk Reduction:

Priority One – Target specific high-risk populations to conduct both door-to-door smoke alarm installations & provide home safety inspections, as part of a comprehensive home firesafety campaign.

Priority Two – Programs that include sprinkler awareness that affect the entire community (educating; promoting residential sprinklers and demonstrating working models.

Additional consideration to applicants who incorporate supplies for deaf/hard-of-hearing alarm installations as part of the comprehensive installation & education effort.

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- 2. Wildlife Risk Reduction
- 3. Code Enforcement/Awareness
- 4. Fire & Arson Investigation.
- 5. National/State/Regional Programs and Studies

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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

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Firefighter Safety Research and Development (R&D) Activity: R&D Activity Projects are aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

- Clinical Studies
- Technology and Product Development
- Database System Development
- Dissemination and Implementation Research
- Preliminary Studies

<https://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants>

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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

R&D Activity

The R&D Activity is aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or well-being through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

1. Clinical Studies;
2. Technology and Product Development;
3. Database System Development;
4. Preliminary Studies; and,
5. Early Career Investigator.

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 this Activity.

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Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- AED, CPR, or fire extinguisher training for operational staff
- Weather/disaster notification devices (e.g., sirens)
- Development of Administrative Documents (e.g., SOPs, manuals)
- Fire suppression equipment, supplies, and vehicles
- Firefighting training tools or equipment, personal protective gear, fitness equipment, or immunizations
- Communication equipment, including portable radios or computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems
- Alarm system and alarm system installation
- Equipment that has no intrinsic fire prevention or life safety education application

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State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is a core assistance program that provides funds to build capabilities at the State, local, tribal, and territorial levels, to enhance our national resilience to absorb disruptions and rapidly recover from incidents both natural and manmade as well as to implement the goals and objectives included in State homeland security strategies and initiatives in their State Preparedness Report (SPR).

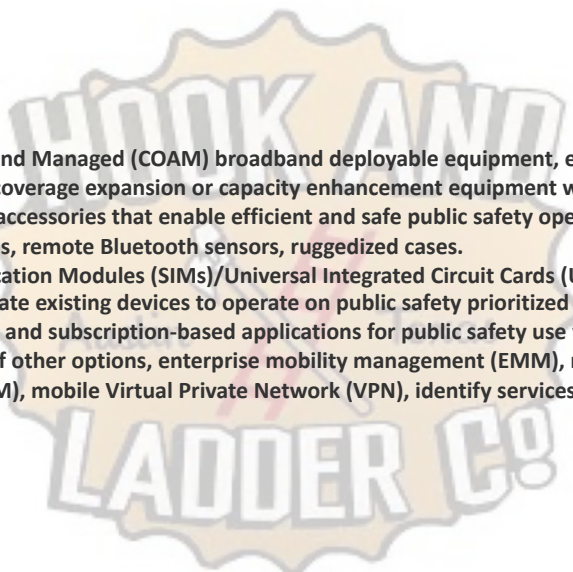
Activities implemented under SHSP must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, mitigation of, response to, and recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible.

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Public safety entities may request funding to enhance their FirstNet operational capabilities using broadband technology may seek grant funding to support the following:

- Planning for integration of information technology (IT) infrastructure, software, and site upgrades necessary to connect to FirstNet.
- Handheld broadband devices including smartphones, feature phones, tablets, wearables, push-to-talk (PTT) devices.
- Vehicle-mounted or otherwise field operated data devices such as ruggedized laptops.
- Network access devices including portable Wi-Fi devices, Universal Serial Bus (USB) modems/dongles, trunk-mounted modems, routers.

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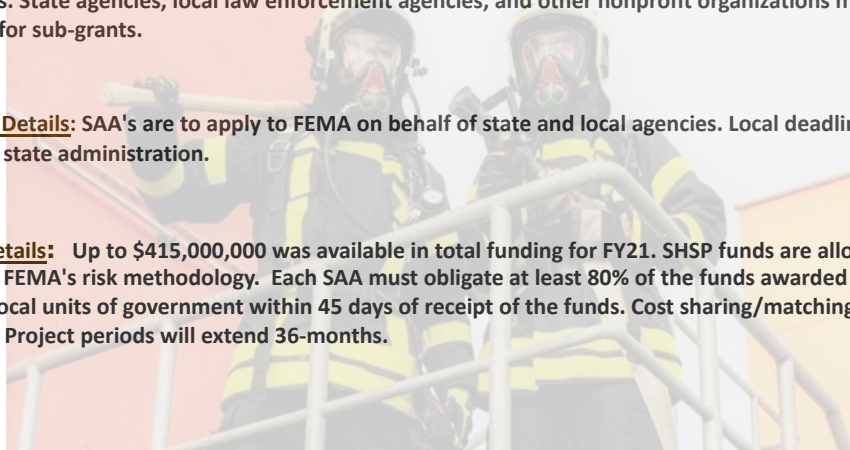
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- Customer Owned and Managed (COAM) broadband deployable equipment, enabling public safety to own and dispatch coverage expansion or capacity enhancement equipment within their jurisdiction.
 - Broadband device accessories that enable efficient and safe public safety operations such as headsets, belt clips, ear pieces, remote Bluetooth sensors, ruggedized cases.
 - Subscriber Identification Modules (SIMs)/Universal Integrated Circuit Cards (UICCs) to allow public safety users to update existing devices to operate on public safety prioritized services.
 - One-time purchase and subscription-based applications for public safety use which could include, among a number of other options, enterprise mobility management (EMM), mobile device management (MDM), mobile Virtual Private Network (VPN), identify services, or cloud service tools.

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Eligibility Details: Awards are made to State Administrative Agencies (SAA's) of all 56 states and territories. State agencies, local law enforcement agencies, and other nonprofit organizations may apply to states for sub-grants.

Deadline Details: SAA's are to apply to FEMA on behalf of state and local agencies. Local deadlines vary based on state administration.

Award Details: Up to \$415,000,000 was available in total funding for FY21. SHSP funds are allocated based on FEMA's risk methodology. Each SAA must obligate at least 80% of the funds awarded under SHSP to local units of government within 45 days of receipt of the funds. Cost sharing/matching is not required. Project periods will extend 36-months.



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**Fire, Ambulance &
Service Truck Fund
(FAST)**



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FIRE, AMBULANCE & SERVICE TRUCK FUND **(FAST)**

CDBG National Program Objective: Primary benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Program Description: The Fire, Ambulance, & Services Truck (FAST) Fund provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to rural communities. Eligible types of vehicles include:

- Fire Trucks (most types)
- Ambulance and Other specialized emergency vehicles
- Emergency rescue equipment, such as vehicle extrication tools (saws, cutters, spreaders, rams), fire protection gear, and thermal imaging cameras.

2022 Application Cycle: Release of application information for FAST is anticipated to happen in March 2022 (but no specific date has been set date – Due date is anticipated for early summer 2022. LMI and a 2021 Audit by a certified CPA will be required.

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• **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CDPP)**

- **The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)** supports local communities in its service area through grants of up to \$50,000 through the CDPP
- Organizations in all or part of the following counties are eligible for CDPP grants: Aransas, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Blanco, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Cameron, Coke, Coleman, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Culberson DeWitt, Dimmit, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Fayette, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Midland, Mills, Nolan, Nueces, Pecos, Real, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Starr, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Williamson and Zavala.
- To date, LCRA and its wholesale electric customers have awarded 1,852 community grants totaling nearly \$48 million. When combined with more than \$228 million in community-raised matching funds, the program has invested more than \$276 million in local communities.

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- CDPP grants are awarded twice a year for capital projects for volunteer fire departments, emergency responders, cities and counties, schools, libraries, civic groups, museums, and other tax-exempt non-profit organizations.
- These projects must benefit or be available to an entire community and must improve the value of a capital asset by building, renovating or purchasing equipment.
- Examples of recent awards include funding for emergency equipment for first responders; improvements to fire stations, parks, libraries and community centers; energy-efficient lighting and electrical upgrades for museums and community sports fields; air conditioning units for convention centers; rainwater catchment systems; and roof repairs and handicapped-accessible ramps for local museums and community halls.
- Online grant applications are available in January and July at lcra.org/cdpp
- Applicants requesting more than \$5,000 in grant funding must supply matching funds of at least 20 percent of the total project cost. Grants larger than \$25,000 are intended for particularly impressive and noteworthy projects with a far-reaching impact on a broad community. The larger grant category is extremely competitive, as funding in the \$25,000+ category is limited to 30 percent of the grants awarded.
- There is a minimum request of \$1,000.

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- The CDPP program places emphasis on projects for volunteer fire departments and those that address needs caused by wildfires or drought conditions, or include water conservation, energy efficiency or educational components.
- **CONTACTS:** Sheila Slagel, grants program manager 800-776-5272, ext.3140; Liz Mundine, grants program administrator 800-776-5272, ext. 1627

- For more information, visit lcra.org.
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

- **SEC. 4013. AFG AND SAFER PROGRAM FUNDING.** In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which \$100,000,000 shall be for assistance to firefighter grants and \$200,000,000 shall be for staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grants.

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

SEC. 4014. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT FUNDING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which \$100,000,000 shall be for assistance to firefighter grants and \$200,000,000 shall be for staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grants.

Per Title IX Subtitle M (Sec 9901), the “Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds”. Sec 603 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) any locality may use their “Lost Revenue” to purchase Emergency Equipment. The first \$10 million of any allocation is considered “Lost Revenue”.

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RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING GRANT

(offered through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

This program can be used to obtain funding to:

- Provide initial and re-certification training for EMS personnel
- Train EMS personnel on caring for patients with mental and substance use disorders during emergency situations
- Acquire EMS equipment for training purposes
- Obtain naloxone and training EMS personnel on the administration of naloxone
- For more federal funding opportunities, you can search Grants.gov

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-22-001>

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Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)

- Launched in 2001 by House Bill 2604
- Provides grants to rural VFDs for firefighting vehicles, fire/rescue equipment, protective clothing, computer systems, dry hydrants, and firefighter training.
- Available to fire departments with 20 or fewer paid members

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant - \$1 Million/Year

- Available to fire departments with 21 or more paid members.
- The Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance Program provides reimbursement grants to career fire departments and combination fire departments not eligible for grant assistance under the [Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program](#).
- Provides grants to fire departments for fire equipment, training and state-owned apparatus.
- The program provides \$1 million in grant assistance annually, with \$800,000 dedicated to TIFMAS vehicles and \$200,000 dedicated to all other grant categories.

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DoD Firefighter Property (FFP) Program

- Launched in 2010
- Provides excess Department of Defense military property to VFDs. Ownership of the equipment is passed from the federal government to the fire department.

Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program

- Established in 1949, launched in Texas in 1975
- Provides excess federal property on loan at no cost to VFDs

Helping Hands Program

- Launched in 1997 by House Bill 680
- Allows donations of used fire/rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to be made available to VFDs while relieving donors of liability

Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB 3667)

- Launched in 2001 by House Bill 3667
- Reimburses eligible VFDs for insurance (workers' comp., death/disability, accident/sickness, etc.) from private Texas insurance companies
- Reimburses 100% of the actual cost, up to a maximum of \$175 per fire department member.
- Funded by a 2% sales tax on the sale of fireworks

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Emergency Grants (through RVFDAP):

Available for states of disaster (replacement/repair of damaged or lost equipment) and catastrophic losses (cost-share apparatus or other HB 2604 program elements, or repair/replacement of essential equipment).

Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds: Federal funds used by RVFDAP

Equipment Grants (Administered by Texas A&M Forest Service)

- Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program (excess federal military property)

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The SFFMA grant began on November 18, 2018 & ends on November 17, 2022.

The SFFMA Grant Manager is Greg Redden who can be reached at 855-VOLFIRE or Greg@volunteerfirefighter.org. If you have questions about the R&R Workshops please contact Lyndzie@Volunteerfirefighter.org or 855-VOLFIRE.

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Application Limit Exceeded: A maximum of 600 submitted grant applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. The maximum number of applications has been met and the site will be closed for the remainder of the quarter. The next grant application cycle will begin on April 7, 2022.

60 miles from a Firehouse Subs restaurant

What does the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation support?

Our Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders, non-profits and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within our funding guidelines via firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas.

\$15,000-\$25,000 is a guideline. Requests exceeding \$50,000 will be denied.

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FUNDING AREAS

LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

Provide first responders with lifesaving equipment.

Examples: Vehicle extrication tools, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), bunker gear, thermal imaging cameras, automated chest compression systems, vehicle stabilization struts, bulletproof vests, all-terrain vehicles, fire hoses.

PREVENTION EDUCATION

Provide prevention education tools to the public about the importance of public safety in order to prevent disasters in the home and community.

Examples: Fire extinguisher training systems, prevention education materials, programming initiatives to focus on issues such as DUI and distracted driving education, carbon monoxide poisoning, CPR training and accessibility and other relevant safety issues.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & CONTINUED EDUCATION

Provide financial resources or continued education to individuals pursuing a career in public safety.

Examples: Partner with schools on scholarship programs for individuals pursuing/advancing their career in the public safety sector.

DISASTER RELIEF

Provide assistance and resources during and after natural and man-made disasters such as fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.

Examples: Feed first responders and survivors and provide lifesaving equipment to first responders to help them better prepare for any future disasters.

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Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation Grants for Fire Departments

The Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation provides grants to fire departments to equip and train their members with personal life safety ropes. If your department does not have means to this important safety equipment, please download and submit the 2022 grant application starting on January 1, 2022.

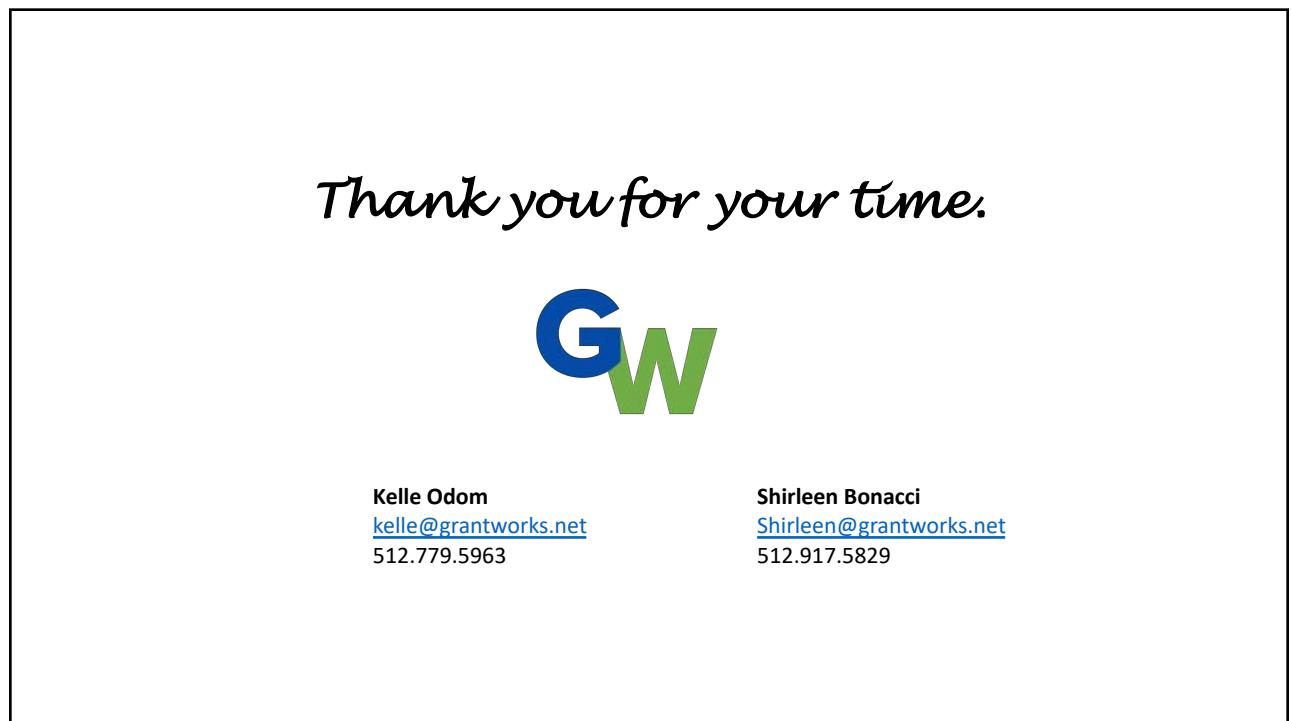
[Download the Grant Program Application](#)

Grants will not exceed \$12,000 per year. Grant requests exceeding \$12,000, if approved, will be awarded at approximately \$12,000 per year, and departments will be required to reapply each year.

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