



From the desk of the U.S. Fire Administrator:

"I am pleased to announce a second Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant application period for volunteer and combination fire departments. While the anticipated official open period is being determined, I want to put this on your radar to help us get the word out. Beginning this week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will host webinars and instructional sessions to assist departments by explaining the process and answering questions. I know departments are extremely preoccupied with many other responsibilities; however, it is my hope that departments will apply for and take advantage of these funding resource opportunities. We've provided additional information below and feel free to visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant website www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters. As always, we continue to work towards a prepared and resilient fire and emergency medical services."

G. Keith Bryant, U.S. Fire Administrator

Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing an additional opportunity for **volunteer** and **combination** fire departments to apply for funding under the fiscal year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19-Supplemental Program (AFG-S) to support the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related supplies by the fire service community to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. FEMA anticipates opening the application period in October 2020.

The purpose of AFG-S is to award grants directly to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as first responders, through the purchase of PPE and essential supplies related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteer and combination fire departments 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 and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization are eligible. A fire department is defined as an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal or territorial authority (e.g. 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.

Volunteer and combination fire departments are eligible to apply in this round even if they had a successful application in the first round. However, new applications must support new capabilities. Departments that applied in the first round but were unsuccessful must reapply in this round; applications from the first round will not automatically carry forward to this round for consideration.

All activities under this solicitation will be limited to the purchase of PPE and related supplies required to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. This includes reimbursement for expenditures made since Jan. 1, 2020.

For more information on applying for a grant, attend one of the webinars designed to explain the process and answer questions.

Title	Day of the week	Date	Time	Time zone	Link
Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S)	Tuesday	8/18 – 9/1	2 p.m.	Eastern time	How to join
Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S)	Thursday	8/20 – 9/3	7 p.m.	Eastern tme	How to join
Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S)	Saturday	8/22 – 9/5	11 a.m.	Eastern time	How to join