



## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?**

The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is to build new or modify existing fire stations to enhance response capabilities and protect communities from fire-related hazards.

### **2. How much funding was available under the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?**

The total amount of funds available under the FY 2009 ARRA SCG was \$210 million. Approximately \$167 million of funding was announced in September, 2009; and on February 3, 2010, FEMA announced an additional approximate amount of \$23 million in awards. Remaining funds will be obligated by Sept. 30, 2010.

### **3. What are the priorities for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?**

- Projects in areas of the country where unemployment has been the highest;
- Projects that are ready to begin shortly after award (i.e. applicant already owns land and have building plans, etc.);
- Projects that improve emergency response time and firefighter safety; and
- Projects that are environmentally friendly; conform to national consensus codes and standards; provide best value for cost; and can be constructed within the proposed budget.

### **4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds?**

Non-federal fire departments and state, local and tribal governments that fund or operate fire departments were eligible to apply for FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds.

### **5. What are the eligible uses of FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds?**

The following project types are eligible uses of FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds:

- Construction of new fire stations.
- Renovation of fire stations to enhance response capacity and firefighter safety.

**6. How were the FY 2009 ARRA SCG allocations determined?**

Awards were determined through a fully competitive process. Competition was carried out in two phases: 1) alignment of applications with announced funding priorities; and 2) peer review of those applications that best met the funding priorities.

**7. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?**

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (P.L. 111-5) provides funding for this program.

**8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Help Desk at (866) 274-0960 or via email at [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov). Help Desk hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.
- For financially-related questions, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via E-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**9. What is the FY 2009 ARRA SCG period of performance?**

The period of performance of the grants will be a maximum of 36 months.