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Start planning your FY 2013 AFG Grant application now! We recommend that you start your application today by reviewing the Application Assistance Tools located on the AFG website. These tools were produced specifically to help potential applicants begin to plan their 2013 applications ahead of the application period. The tools can be viewed on the AFG website or downloaded to your computer.

System for Award Management (SAM) registration is required to submit your application. Please follow the guidance below and maintain your organizations eligibility to receive grant awards. SAM.GOV registration may take up to two weeks to complete.

The AFG Grants Help Desk: If you have questions about any of the FY 2013 AFG Application Assistance Materials below, call or e-mail the AFG Grants help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960; the e-mail address for questions is firegrants@fema.dhs.gov. Hours of operation Monday- Friday 8:00 am until 4:30 pm eastern time. The help desk will be open on Friday December 6th until 5:00 pm eastern time.

FY 2013 Application Assistance Tools

- FY 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) **- Available Now**
  - Program Guidance
- FY 2013 AFG Self Evaluation Operations and Safety
  - Understand the criteria that you must address in your Narrative Statement when applying
- FY 2013 AFG Get Ready Guide Application Narrative
  - This handy guide will give you a kick-start in prepping your grant application
- FY 2013 AFG Self Evaluation Vehicle Acquisition
  - Developed to help you understand the criteria that you must address in your Vehicle Narrative Statement
- FY 2013 AFG Regional Workshop Presentation
  - FY 2013 application workshop presentation
- FY 2013 AFG Get Ready Guide Application Information
  - This handy guide will give you a kick-start in preparing your grant application

SAM.GOV REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO SUBMIT YOUR FY 2013 AFG APPLICATION

Starting with the upcoming FY2013 AFG application period, a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM), formerly the Central Contractor Registry, or CCR, will be required in order to submit an AFG application. Federal law now requires that applicants to Federal grant programs have a valid registration within SAM.gov at the time of registration. Applicants will be asked to affirm that they have a current registration prior to submitting their application.

As part of the SAM.gov registration process, every eligible grantee must have their SAM.gov account validated through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and have their CAGE (Commercial and Government Entity) code validated in order to be eligible for award. These validations are conducted as part of the registration process after the organization has submitted their SAM.gov registration. A valid SAM.gov registration is now also required for any payment or amendment request to an existing, open award. A valid SAM.gov registration is now also required for any payment or amendment request to an existing, open award. If your department has not yet registered within SAM.gov, you are encouraged to do. SAM.gov is administered through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Technical assistance may be obtained through the Federal Service Desk at 866-606-8220. **Please be advised that during peak activity periods, it may take more than 2 weeks to complete the registration process.**

FY 2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

FEMA is providing ongoing technical assistance to help organizations prepare for the upcoming FY 2013 application period schedule to run later this fall. Workshops are designed to provide valuable information and insights to potential applicants understand the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, and its funding priorities.

Workshops will be delivered by two methods:

- Live Presentations
- Conference Call with Webinar.

View Schedule by FEMA Region

The schedule is dynamic and workshops will be added, repeated and varied in day and time to allow for the widest possible participation and anticipated demand. The online schedule is updated frequently, so check back often, or contact your local FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialists for the current schedule in your area.

- FY 2013 AFG Workshops Schedule
- AFG Regional Representatives

AFG Home Page: www.fema.gov/firegrants
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