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The deadline to submit your applications is 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Late applications will not be accepted.

Have Last-Minute Questions or Problems?

If you have last-minute questions about applying for a FP&S grant, or are having technical problems with the electronic application, call the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or send an e-mail to firegrants@fema.dhs.gov. The Help Desk staff will be on hand to help applicants through the end of the application period.

- **Having computer or technical problems?** Problems such as expired passwords, technical malfunctions, or loss of internet access, will not be accepted as excuses for late submissions. If you are having a technical problem with submitting your application, you must report the problem to the Help Desk before the application deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern Time.
- **Formal submission of the completed application is required.** Many applications appear to be nearly complete or are 100 percent complete but have not been submitted formally into the electronic e-Grant application system. No application will be processed automatically or considered for funding unless the applicant properly submits the request and receives a subsequent e-mail confirmation.
- **No confirmation e-mail received?** If you have submitted your application but not yet received an e-mail confirmation in your e-Grant application mailbox, contact the Help Desk at once at 1-866-274-0960. All applicants should receive an e-mail confirmation to document their submissions.

It's Not Too Late to Start Your Application

- **Download and read the FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Funding Opportunity Announcement.** It explains the purpose of the grant program, activities eligible for support, eligibility criteria, award criteria, application instructions, and Federal requirements for grantees.
- **Visit the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants web page on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Website (www.fema.gov/firegrants)** and use the additional application resources below to help you develop your grant application.
    - **FY 2013 FP&S Grants Get Ready Guide**: This short guide will help you kick-start your FY 2013 grant application

- **FY 2013 FP&S Grants Self-Evaluation Sheet**: This tool, based on the application scoring dimensions used by the peer reviewers, will help you assess your organization's readiness to apply for a grant.
- **FY 2013 Research and Development Get Ready Guide**: The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants application period will be opening soon! This handy guide will give you a kick-start in preparing your grant application to thoroughly answer all the grant application questions.
- **FP&S Grants Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Video: Community Risk Assessment and Fire Prevention and Safety Grants**. This video describes how to conduct a risk assessment and how to use the results to plan and conduct community fire prevention and safety projects.
- **Video: Fire Prevention and Safety Grants**. This video covers the purpose of the grants, eligible organizations and activities, and award evaluation criteria.

- **Complete your application at the** AFG E-Grant Application Access page: https://edit.fema.gov/e-grant-application-access**.**
- **Formally submit your application by Friday, March 21, 2014 5 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Questions?

Contact the AFG Help Desk, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, by calling toll-free 1-866-274-0960, or by sending an e-mail to firegrants@dhs.gov. Help Desk Specialists will be available to answer questions throughout the application period.

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NOTE: All information, including dates and projected application periods are subject to change. When a conference is listed, the AFG Program either will be exhibiting and/or giving a presentation or workshop.
March/April 2014

- **March 21, 2014 5 p.m. Eastern Time:** ***DEADLINE for submitting FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant applications***

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