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Subscribers of Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (60958 recipients)



The banner features the FEMA logo on the left, which includes the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY' and 'FEMA'. To the right of the logo is the text 'AFG Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program'. The background of the banner is a close-up photograph of a firefighter's helmet and gear.

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### **NO SAM REGISTRATION? NO AFG AWARD!**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG) has begun making award recommendations for the FY2013 application period. Recommendations and awards will continue on a weekly basis until all available grant funds have been exhausted. As a reminder, an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) is a requirement for receiving an AFG award. AFG is unable to process any award recommendation that is not current in SAM. Registration in SAM is free. To register, or validate your information, please visit <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

**Should you need assistance with your SAM.gov account, there are several ways to get help:**

- [Submit a Question to the Federal Service Help Desk](#) managed by the General Services Administration (GSA). Tell them the issues you have and how they can contact you.
- Use self-service by searching the [Answer Center](http://www.fsd.gov/app/answers/list) at <http://www.fsd.gov/app/answers/list>.
- Call (866) 606-8220 (toll-free)
- [SAM Quick Start Guide For New Grantee Registration](#) and [SAM Video Tutorial for New Applicants](#) are tools created by the General Services Administration to assist those registering with the System for Award Management (SAM). If you have questions or concerns about your SAM registration, please contact the Federal Support desk at <https://www.fsd.gov>.

## CITIZEN CORPS AWARD APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

### Individual and Community Preparedness Awards Application Period Still Open

FEMA has announced that the application period for the 2014 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards is now open; *please note: this opportunity is not part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.*

The awards highlight innovative local practices and achievements by recognizing individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions toward making their communities safer, stronger, better prepared, and more resilient.

To be considered for this year's awards, all submissions must be received by **May 30, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. EDT** and must feature program activities taking place between January 1, 2013 and May 30, 2014.

Please visit [www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards](http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards) for more information about the awards and to download instructions for submitting an application.

**AFG Home Page:** [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)

**AFG Regional Representatives:** <http://www.fema.gov/fire-grant-contact-information>

**AFG Help Desk: E-mail:** [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov)

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