Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG)

FEMA

Economic Hardship Supplemental Information

Hiring of Firefighters Activity

If you are planning to apply under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity, new questions have been added to the application to assist with understanding the economic condition of fire departments across the United States. Collecting this information beforehand will reduce the time and energy needed to complete your application when the next grant cycle opens.

The purpose of these questions is to gather information on the economic condition of fire departments applying for these grants. These responses will assist the SAFER Program with establishing an economic hardship waiver for future years of this program. By providing the information to the questions below, we will better understand what data is available and serves as useful indicators of a department's economic stability. We strongly encourage you to submit as much information as possible.* If you are unable to supply the information for any of the questions, please indicate as appropriate.

**This information will be removed from the application when printed and will not be seen or evaluated by the peer reviewers.*

1. What is the rate of unemployment of the community, within the department's first due response geographical area, over the last three (3) years? Please indicate using a percentage and in the text box next to each of the rate percentages, indicate the year to which that figure pertains.	Rate:_____% Year: _____ Rate:_____% Year: _____ Rate:_____% Year: _____ ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
2. Has the department filed for bankruptcy (Chapter 9, Title 11), or has been placed under third party financial oversight or receivership within the previous three (3) years?	☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, please discuss below. ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
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3. What is the median household income of the community, within the department's first due response geographical area, over the last three (3) years? Please indicate the dollar amount and in the text box next to each amount, indicate the year to which that figure pertains.	$_____ Year: _____ $_____ Year: _____ $_____ Year: _____ ☐ I am unable to provide this information.

4. What is the poverty rate of the community, within the department's first due response geographical area, over the last three (3) years? Please indicate using a percentage and in the text box next to each of the rate percentages, indicate the year to which that figure pertains.	Rate:_____% Year: _____ Rate:_____% Year: _____ Rate:_____% Year: _____ ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
5. What is your municipalities operating budget for the last three (3) years? Please indicate the dollar amount and in the text box next to each amount, indicate the year to which that figure pertains.	$_____ Year: _____ $_____ Year: _____ $_____ Year: _____ ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
6. Has your jurisdiction/municipality reduced Full-Time Employees (FTEs) over the last three (3) years?	☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, by how many and in what areas? ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
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7. Is your jurisdiction/municipality filling positions (in all agencies) as they become vacant?	☐ Yes ☐ No* *If no, by how many and in what areas? ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
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8. In the last year has your department utilized brown outs?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
9. Has the department reduced non-operation positions (e.g., training, fire prevention, administrative staff, etc.) over the last three (3) years?	☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, please provide details below. ☐ I am unable to provide this information.

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10. What is the current foreclosure rate of the community within the department's first due response geographical area?	_____% ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
11. Has the department provided cost of living increases over the last three (3) fiscal years?	☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, by what percent? _____% ☐ I am unable to provide this information.
12. If you are unable to provide any of the data requested above, please explain why you are unable to do so (e.g., data not available, data only available at state level, cannot find data, etc.).	
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