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The FY 2014 SAFER Grant open application period is underway. We recommend that you start your application today by reviewing the application and organizational requirements below under Application Assistance Tools. These tools were produced specifically to help potential applicants plan their 2014 applications.

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FY 2014 **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)** Application Assistance Tools

[FY 2014 SAFER Application Assistance Tools](#)

- **NEW! Economic Hardship Supplemental Information - Hiring of Firefighters**
 - This checklist will help those departments applying under the Hiring of Firefighters category to gather information on the economic condition of their fire department in preparation of a SAFER grant application
- **Application Checklist**
 - This checklist will help you prepare your SAFER grant application
- **Self-Evaluation - Hiring of Firefighters**
 - Rehiring, retention, attrition, and new hires
 - Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments
- **Self-Evaluation - Recruitment and Retention - Fire Departments**
 - Combination and volunteer fire departments
- **Self-Evaluation - Recruitment and Retention - Interest Organizations**
 - National, State, Local, or Tribal Volunteer Firefighters Interest Organizations
- **FY 2014 SAFER Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**
- **Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**
 - Program Guidance
- **[SAM.gov Get Ready Guide](#)**
 - Sam.gov application preparation guide

[Application Access Portal](#)

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All eligible SAFER applicants must be registered and active in the System for Award Management (SAM) **before** an application can be submitted. Per 2 CFR § 25.205, FEMA may not make an award to an entity until the entity has complied with the requirements to provide a valid DUNS number and maintain an active SAM registration with current information.

To register, or validate your information, please visit: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM>

SAM.gov Registration Tips:

Please ensure the following items are current in SAM and the DUNS number used in SAM is the same one you use for all FEMA applications:

- Organization's name
- Address
- Data Universal Numbering System (**DUNS**)
- Employer Identification Number (**EIN**)
- Banking information (type of account (checking or saving), routing number, and account number)
- Many websites may look official in appearance but are not. As a reminder, registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) is FREE
- SAM registration is only active for one year and must be renewed annually.
- FEMA has prepared a technical assistance document, the SAM.gov Get Ready Guide.

This document is designed to walk you through the SAM.gov registration process

- This information should be consistent in all registration documents

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

- Submit your SAM.gov question online to the Federal Service Help Desk at: <https://www.fsd.gov/fsd.gov/>
- Call the Federal Service Help Desk toll free at (866) 606-8220
- 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>.

AFG Home Page: www.fema.gov/firegrants

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

AFG Help Desk: E-mail: firegrants@fema.dhs.gov

Telephone Toll-Free: 1-866-274-0960