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Quick Reference Guide



AFG Grants are available to train EMS personnel.

Training is a prerequisite to the effective use of any EMS equipment.

Organizations whose requests are more focused on training receive a higher competitive rating than requests more focused on equipment.

Eligible Training (not limited to)

- Emergency Medical Responder/Basic Life Support EMT-B
- EMT-I / EMT-P
- Hazmat operations
- Rescue operations
- Train-the-trainer courses
- CBRNE awareness, performance, planning, and management

Eligible Uses of Training Funds (not limited to)

- Tuition, exam/course fees, and certifications/recertification expenses
- Purchase of training curricula, training equipment (trailers, mobile simulators), training props, and training services (instructors)
- Attendance at formal training forums or conferences providing continuing education, credits, etc.
- Overtime expenses paid to first responders to attend training or to cover colleagues who are in training

Ineligible Activities

- Construction of facilities (buildings, towers, etc.)
- Purchase or lease of real estate
- Expendables (including but not limited to gloves, gowns, bandages, etc.)
- Site preparation to accommodate any training activity, facility, or prop
- Remodeling that is not directly related to other grant activities

Remodeling/Renovations of Existing Facilities

Remodeling/renovations must be minor interior alterations costing less than \$10,000 to support training. Construction may not change the footprint or profile of the building.

Application Reminders

Be sure to explain your training request and program clearly in the Narrative section.

In order to know what NFPA standards apply and how to list them by number in the application, please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>.



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AFG Funds are available for equipment to enhance the safety or effectiveness of EMS response.

Equipment requested must meet all mandatory requirements, as well as any national/state and/or DHS-adopted standards. See NFPA standards at <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>.

Equipment requested should solve interoperability or compatibility problems as may be required by local jurisdictions.

Equipment requested, particularly decontamination and Hazmat equipment, is fundable to the current level of the organization's capabilities.

The following sections contain information on the eligibility of EMS equipment and prescoring essentials.

Eligible Expenditures include (but not limited to)

- Basic life support equipment
- Advanced life support equipment
- Assembly and installation of the requested equipment
- Extended warranties and service agreements
- Automated external defibrillators
- Infectious disease control equipment
- Equipment for response to incidents involving CBRNE
- Tents, shelters, generators, lights, and heating and cooling units
- Pulse oximeters
- Power lift cots
- Communications equipment, such as mobile and portable radios
- Hazmat and decontamination equipment
- Computers
- Wireless and broadband mobile data systems (MDTs)
- Portable radios and mobile communications equipment, including mobile repeaters
- Base stations, computer-aided dispatch, and fixed-site repeaters
- Equipment shipping costs and sales tax
- Training for requested equipment

Ineligible Expenditures

- Construction of facilities, such as buildings, sheds housing communications, towers, or other equipment
- Repeaters that will not be installed or attached to existing infrastructure or a vehicle
- Station uniforms
- Sirens or other outdoor warning devices
- Telephones, satellite phones, and cell phones
- Vehicles and ATVs
- Bomb disposal equipment and robots
- EMS expendable supplies including but not limited to medications, gloves, syringes, and cervical collars
- Signage of any kind

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Priorities

- HIGH
- MEDIUM
- LOW

Communications Equipment

- Portable radios, mobile repeaters, mobile data terminals (MDTs), base stations, computer-aided dispatch, fixed-site repeaters, and wireless broadband mobile data systems
- Items having the intent to solve interoperability issues and improve first responder safety through more reliable communication systems
- Portables limited to number of seated positions in department's listed inventory of EMS vehicles (unless justified in the Equipment Activity Narrative)
- Requested items consistent with the State Communication Interoperability Plan

Communications projects may require an EHP Review.

Note: If requesting communications equipment or systems, they must meet P25 compliance. Please see "Grant Guidance-P25 Explanatory Addenda" found at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/library/Lists/Library/Attachments/86/GRANTGUIDANCEPROJECT25EXPLANATORYADDENDA2.pdf>.

Additional Consideration

Requests supporting regional collaboration benefiting multiple jurisdictions

Application Reminders

Be sure to explain your training request and program clearly in the Narrative section.

Funding for all training should be requested under the Additional Funding section.

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EMS Personal Protective Equipment

AFG Funds are available to acquire primarily EMS PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for first responder personnel.

Equipment requested must meet all mandatory requirements, as well as any current national and/or state DHS-adopted standards or local EMS protocol.

The following charts contain information on the eligibility of EMS PPE and prescoring essentials. Copies of NFPA standards may be reviewed at <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>.

Eligible PPE Expenditures

- EMS turnout gear, extrication jumpsuits, rescue helmets, gloves, and boots that meet NFPA or OSHA standards for blood-borne pathogens
- ANSI-approved retro-reflective highway apparel
- EMS PPE for hazardous materials and other specialized incidents
- SCBAs, spare cylinders, individual face pieces, and PASS devices if the organization has formally adopted SOPs requiring SCBA availability (with adequate justification in the PPE Narrative)
- Training for requested PPE

Ineligible PPE Expenditures

- Uniforms (formal/parade or station/duty) and uniform items (hats, badges, etc.)
- Bomb disposal suits
- Personal communications equipment (e.g., radios, cell phones, and pagers)
- Non-EMS PPE, such as wildland firefighting gear and firefighting turnout gear

Additional Considerations

- Percent of firefighters/EMS personnel served
- Age of equipment
- Obsolete equipment is defined as any SCBA/PPE that is over 10 years of age or exceeds two NFPA cycles

Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Priorities

Awards will be based on number of seated positions in the department's vehicle fleet and age of existing SCBAs, limited to one spare cylinder (unless justified otherwise in the Request Details Narrative for the PPE Activity).

Training on Use of Requested Equipment

Applicants must indicate that the grant-purchased PPE will be utilized by adequately trained staff and/or request appropriate training for the requested items. Failure to meet this requirement may result in ineligible for PPE Funding.

Be sure to explain your training request and program clearly in the Narrative section.

Funding for all training should be requested under the Additional Funding section.

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Application Reminders

When requesting a program(s) under the Request Details section for Wellness and Fitness in both Fire & EMS, you must have all four programs already in place (or request a combination of programs to have all four programs in place) or you will be unable to proceed in this portion of the application process. If you have all four or a combination of the requested programs in place, the application will allow you to request Priority 2 items, such as physical fitness equipment.

When requesting training for any items in this section, enter the request under Additional Funding in the Request Details section.



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Wellness & Fitness programs are intended to strengthen first responders so their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient enough to withstand the demands of emergency service response. To be eligible for funding under this activity, organizations must offer, or plan to offer, all four of the following programs:

- Entry physical examinations
- Periodic health screenings
- Immunizations
- Behavioral health programs

The following charts contain information on the eligibility of EMS Wellness & Fitness as well as prescoring essentials. Copies of NFPA standards can be reviewed at <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>.

Eligible Expenditures

- Procurement of entry-level physicals that meet NFPA 1582 or equivalent of equivalent
- Annual medical/fitness health evaluations consistent with NFPA 1582
- Immunizations, as recommended by the department or law (e.g., NFPA)
- Behavioral health programs
- Implementation of IAFC/IAFF peer fitness trainer programs
- Costs for personnel, physical fitness equipment (including shipping charges and sales tax, as applicable), and supplies directly related to physical fitness activities

Ineligible Expenditures

- Transportation expenses
- Fitness club memberships for participants or their families
- Non-cash incentives (t-shirts or hats of nominal value, vouchers to local businesses, or time off)
- Purchase of real estate
- Cash incentives
- Purchase of medical equipment that is not used as part of the Wellness & Fitness program
- Contractual services with anyone other than medical professionals listed above (e.g., health care consultants, trainers, and nutritionists)

Funding Priorities

Priority 1 – Below are the four programs required to offer a complete Wellness & Fitness program:

- Initial medical exams
- Job-related immunization program
- Annual medical/fitness evaluation
- Behavioral health program(s)

Mandatory participation in the Wellness and Fitness programs is required.

Departments that have some of the Priority 1 programs in place must apply for funds to implement the other Priority 1 programs before applying for funds for any additional program or equipment. In addition, funded medical exams must meet current NFPA 1582, as required by DHS standards.

Priority 2 – You may only apply for the following Priority 2 items if you offer or are requesting a combination of the four programs required under Priority 1:

- Candidate physical ability evaluation
- Formal fitness and injury prevention program/equipment
- Injury/illness rehab
- IAFF or peer fitness trainer program(s)

Remodeling/Renovations of Existing Facilities

Remodeling/renovations to an existing facility to house a fitness activity, such as exercise or fitness rooms, must be minor interior alterations costing less than \$10,000 and justified in the Request Details Narrative for the Wellness & Fitness Activity. Remodeling/renovations may not change the footprint or profile of the building. Any request for modifications to facilities may require an Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Review. Additional information may also be required for the EHP Review.

Application Reminders

When requesting a program(s) under the request details for Wellness & Fitness in both Fire and EMS, you must have all four programs already in place (or request a combination of programs to have all four programs in place) or you will be unable to go further in the application process. If you have all four or a combination of the requested programs in place, the application will then allow you to request items such as physical fitness equipment.

When requesting training for any items in this section, enter the request under Additional Funding in the Request Details section.

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Modifications to EMS Facilities

AFG Grants may be used to modify EMS facilities. The construction of new facilities is not allowed. Eligible projects under this activity must have a direct effect on the health and safety of firefighters. Grant funds may only be used to retrofit existing structures built prior to 2003.

Modifications are limited to \$100,000 per fire station, regardless of the number of modifications requested. No modification may change the structure footprint or profile. Any request for modifications to facilities may require an Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Review. Additional information may be required for the EHP Review.

The following charts contain information on the eligibility of modifications to EMS facilities as well as prescoring essentials. Copies of NFPA standards can be reviewed at <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>.

Eligible Expenditures

- Direct source capture exhaust systems
- Sprinkler systems
- Smoke/fire alarm notification systems
- Air quality systems
- Emergency generators

Ineligible Expenditures

- Station maintenance
- Resurfacing bay floors
- Interior remodeling not pertaining to the requested project(s)

All of the following are considerations in prescoring and panelist review.

Additional Considerations

Additional considerations will be given for the age of the building; older facilities receive a higher priority.

If requesting multiple items in this activity, funding cannot exceed a maximum of \$100,000 per station.

Emergency Generators

Emergency generators should be sized to provide power for only those functions that are operationally imperative (e.g., bay doors, communications equipment, emergency lighting, heat, etc.).



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AFG Funds are available for:

- Acquire new EMS vehicles compliant with GSA-KKK-A-1822E standards
- Acquire used EMS vehicles compliant with standards for the year manufactured
- Acquire refurbished EMS vehicles compliant with current applicable standards (KKK-1822F)
- Refurbish a vehicle the department currently owns

New for FY 2012

Applicants may apply for more than one vehicle. Request cannot exceed the financial cap based on population listed in the application.

Due to inherent differences among urban, suburban, and rural first responder needs, AFG has different priorities in the Vehicles program area for departments that serve different types of communities.

Performance Bond

A performance bond is recommended for any department/agency that is going to advance its own funds to the manufacturer prior to receipt of the vehicle. The concept behind this is to ensure that the department's funds are not lost in the event of a manufacturer's failure to perform, i.e., not finishing or delivering the vehicle.

NOTE: DHS recommends a performance bond if advancing nonfederal funds.

Prepayment Bonds and Penalties

Grantees must:

- Obtain a prepayment bond if the grantee advances federal funds to a manufacturer
- Include performance requirements and penalties for noncompliance to requirements in the purchase contract
- Be aware that extensions to the period of performance may not be considered if the prepayment bond and/or performance penalties are not included in the purchase contract

Eligible Expenditures

- Cost of vehicle
- Transportation to inspect a vehicle under consideration or during production (if justified)
- Driver/operator training programs that meet Department of Transportation Emergency Vehicle Operators Course
- Physicals to meet current NFPA 1582/US or Department of Transportation (DOT) 649 F standards
- Used apparatus compliant with NFPA or 1906 for the year the vehicle was manufactured (refurbished apparatus must meet the current NFPA 1912 – Standard for Fire Apparatus Refurbishing)

Ineligible Expenditures

- Refurbishment of converted vehicles not originally used or intended to be used for emergency operations
- Aircraft, bulldozers, and construction-related equipment
- Vehicles contracted for or purchased prior to end of established application period
- ATVs and other specialty access vehicles

All of the following are considerations in prescoring and panelist review.

Application Reminders

When requesting more than one vehicle, you will be asked to fill out a separate line item and answer all the questions including a NEW narrative for each vehicle.

When requesting training for any apparatus or vehicle(s), enter the request under Additional Funding in the Request Details section.

Applicants requesting vehicles that do not have drivers/operators trained to NFPA 1002 or equivalent, and are not planning to have a training program in place by the time the vehicle is delivered, will not receive a vehicle award.

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