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Grant Program



FY 2011 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR A SAFER GRANT. DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 5:00 P.M. EST.

FINAL DAYS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2011 SAFER GRANTS.

You only have a few days left to submit an application for FY 2011 SAFER funding. To read the [SAFER Quick Guide](#) and start an [e-Grant application](#), visit the [SAFER Grants page](#) on the AFG Website. **All applications must be completed and submitted through the electronic [e-Grant application](#) system by Friday, February 24, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

REMINDER:

Review your application for completeness before submitting. Make sure every question is answered; replace any temporary or "placeholder" text.

Last-Minute Questions or Problems?

If you have last-minute questions about applying for a SAFER 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@dhs.gov. The Help Desk staff will be on hand to help applicants through the end of the application period.

- **No confirmation e-mail received.** If you have submitted your application but not yet received an e-mail confirmation in the grant Mail Center, contact the Help Desk at once for help, 1-866-274-0960. All applicants should receive an email confirmation to document their submissions.
- **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 unless you report the problem to the Help Desk before the application deadline.
- **Formal submission required.** Many applications appear to be nearly complete or are 100 percent complete but have not been submitted formally into the electronic e-Grant 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.

ATTENTION ALL AWARDEES: AFG and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Closeout Update

- The FY 2009 and 2010 AFG and FP&S closeout modules are unavailable at this time due to technical

issues. If you have received an award for these years you will be notified when the closeout module is online.

- Until then, this does not hinder a department's ability to submit an application for FY 2011 nor will it negatively affect the department's chances to receive an award.
- Once the module becomes available, all FY 2009 and 2010 grantees will be required to submit a closeout report.
- All other AFG and FP&S awardees should submit their grant closeout reports on schedule, that is, within 90 days of the end of the grant's period of performance.
- If you have questions or problems about closing out your grant, please contact the AFG Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or by e-mail: firegrants@dhs.gov.

SAFER Awardees: Grant Closeout Update

At this time, grant closeout reports are not being accepted from SAFER awardees. You will be contacted with specific instructions when grant closeout reporting can begin.

AFG 2012 CALENDAR

NOTE: All dates and projected application periods are subject to change. When a conference is listed, the AFG Program either will be attending as an exhibitor and/or giving a presentation or workshop.

FEBRUARY

[FY 2011 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Grants Application Period](#)

Status: Application period ends February 24, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Award Announcements

Status: Ongoing

APRIL

FY 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Application Period

Status: Guidance/Application Kit drafted; currently undergoing official review.

Projected Application Period: April 2012

AFG Workshop: "Successfully Navigating AFG Grants" at the [2012 Fire Department Instructors Conference \(FDIC\)](#), Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis.

Thursday, April 19, 2012; 1:30 to 3:15 P.M. Visit AFG staff at exhibit booth 308.

MAY

[Vision 20/20 Models in Fire Prevention Symposium](#)

May 4-6, 2012, Hyatt Regency Reston, Reston, Virginia

JUNE

FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Application Period

Status: Guidance/Application Kit is under development.

Projected Application Period: June 2012

Thank you.