

# Key Changes for Fiscal Year 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grants

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Below is a brief list of changes between Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grants. The FY 2022 AFG funding notice contains some changes to definitions, descriptions, and priority categories.

Changes include:

- Under Supporting Definitions:
  - Definition of Combination Fire Department was updated as follows: Combination Fire Department as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2229 means a fire department that has paid firefighting personnel and volunteer firefighting personnel. FEMA considers a fire department with firefighting personnel paid a stipend, regardless of the amount, on a per event basis, or paid on-call, to be a combination fire department. This also includes non-fire emergency medical service personnel of the department.
- Under the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Activity, the following equipment was added as eligible under Additional Funding:
  - Air Compressor/Fill Station/Cascade Systems (Fixed or Mobile) in support of self-contained breathing apparatus request under PPE activity.
  - PPE gear Washer/Extractor/Dryer in support of PPE gear request under PPE activity.
- Under Training Activity:
  - Various National Fire Protection Association standards were updated to reflect the most current editions.
  - Props requested under the Training Activity must be essential to the training activity requested in the application.
- Under Equipment Activity:
  - P-25 compliant Portable Radios should be requested based on the number of seated riding positions or active members of the department and supported in the request narratives.
  - Repairs and upgrades to the existing simulators was added as High priority item for State Fire Training Academy (SFTA) applicants.
  - Software and Learning Management System for Fire Department applicants was changed to Low priority.

- Vehicle mounted exhaust systems are High priority for Fire Department, Regional, nonaffiliated EMS, and SFTA applicants.
- Subscriptions necessary for the operation of the awarded equipment and purchased concurrently are eligible.
- Refurbished equipment was added under ineligible Equipment Activity.
- Under Modifications to Facilities, the following ineligible items for Fire Departments and NAEMS were added:
  - Station maintenance.
  - Resurfacing of bay floors Interior remodeling not pertaining to the requested project(s).
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  - Food and beverages.
- Under Regional Applications:
  - Clarification that the host organization and its partners must be the intended beneficiaries of the proposed project was added.
  - Exception to the requirement for same vendor was added.
  - Clarification that the host of the Regional application is not considered a pass-through entity and may not issue any sub-awards.
- Under Vehicle Acquisition:
  - Exception to the penalty clause for vehicle contracts was added.
- The following definitions were added to the FY 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity:
  - Front Line Vehicle: a vehicle that is fully equipped and ready to respond to emergency calls (first due, second due, ready-reserve vehicle).
  - Ready-Reserve Vehicle: a vehicle that is equipped and may be easily made ready to respond (i.e., emergency mobilization).
  - Reserve Vehicle: a vehicle that is not fully equipped and not ready to respond. Reserve apparatus is used when the front-line vehicle is out-of-service (repairs/maintenance). Equipment is removed from the front-line vehicle and moved to the reserve vehicle for emergency response.
  - Temporarily Out of Service Vehicle: A vehicle that has been temporarily removed from emergency response duties due to mechanical or safety conditions requiring repair. Although currently out of service, this vehicle is required to meet the response needs of the agency. Temporarily out of service vehicles are included in the vehicle inventory,

- included in the seated position count and are eligible for replacement in the AFG Program.
- Decommissioned Vehicle: A vehicle that has been permanently removed from any or all emergency response duties or functions. Examples include retired vehicles awaiting disposal, vehicles used solely for parade/public relations use, antique vehicles, display, or similar uses. Decommissioned vehicles are not listed in the vehicle inventory or included in the seated position count and are not eligible for replacement in the AFG Program.
- Under Additions to the Application
    - Paid on call/stiped department question added.