

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPLICATION PERIOD FOR STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (SAFER) GRANTS NOW OPEN – AVAILABLE FUNDS INCREASED

Under the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2008, Congress appropriated \$190 million for SAFER Grants. The grants are competitive but the increase of funding in FY2008 provided by the Congress is more than 60% higher than the FY2007 level -- equally increasing the applicant's chance for success.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has several tools available at the website for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (www.firegrantsupport.com) to assist applicants in preparing a competitive application for SAFER grants. Of special note is the applicant tutorial. A user may view the entire tutorial, or access the application section it specifically needs help with. Also at the site are Frequently Asked Questions and the Program Guidance – an essential document for all applicants.

Beginning May 27, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began accepting applications for SAFER Grants. The deadline for receipt of the SAFER Grant applications will be 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 27, 2008.

The applications are automated and accessible from www.firegrantsupport.com.

The SAFER Grants are administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.



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