

DHS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being accepted now through 6 March 2009 for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) competitive grants, awarded to mitigate high incidences of death and injury and to perform research for improving Emergency Services Sector (ESS) safety.

Past FP&S projects included smoke alarm installation, fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs. Available online this week is program guidance with detailed information on priorities and areas of emphasis for current grant applications.

DHS encourages departments and agencies to submit applications electronically to take advantage of the help screens and drop-down menus within the automated process. Electronic applications can be saved and retrieved for updates until the application process ends. The system alerts applicants when required information has not been entered and automatically sends an electronic confirmation when applications have been submitted successfully. The online system allows one authorized representative from eligible organizations to log on and create a user name and password.

An applicant tutorial for FP&S grants is available at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/fps/tutorial.aspx>. All applications must be completed and submitted electronically, or postmarked on or before the close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) March 6, 2009. To request a paper application, or ask questions, call the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960. The FP&S web site is <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

On a related matter, nationwide workshops begin this week and continue through mid-March to help interested emergency organizations prepare for the annual opening of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program's grant application period. Attendees will learn about program changes, program priorities, eligibility requirements, and the application process, and also gain insight on writing a competitive narrative for a grant application. Registration for the free two-hour workshops is not necessary. For more information, see <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/workshop/display/workshops.aspx>.

To receive no-cost electronic newsletters that update AFG, FP&S, and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant information, visit: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/prog/newsletter.aspx>.



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