

Information Bulletin

FY2018-19 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program

Application Period Open: 7/27/18 - 9/14/18

Applications are now being accepted for the FY2018-19 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program. This program will support the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel by promoting the development of, or supporting existing, regional recruitment and retention efforts.

The program's primary objectives are to support organizational leadership development through education and training and to develop and implement recruitment and retention programs and materials.

Organizations that are located within, and serve, the State of New York are eligible to apply. Eligible organizations include: volunteer fire companies or fire departments; municipalities and/ or fire districts acting on behalf of fire departments, fire companies and/or emergency services organizations operating under the authority of that municipality or district and are comprised of 50% or more of volunteers; volunteer emergency medical service organizations or statewide organizations representing volunteer firefighters and emergency service personnel. As noted above, this program is intended to promote the formation of new regional recruitment and retention partnerships or support existing regional efforts. Regional applications must identify a Submitting Partner and all Participating Partners and all partners must be eligible organizations.



Applications will also be accepted from Statewide Organizations who demonstrate that they serve the statewide interest of volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel and will provide benefits statewide.

The FY2018-2019 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program Request for Applications (RFA) and additional information are available online at www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/recruit-retain-grant

In an effort to aid eligible applications, DHSES will be offering an **Informational Webinar** to discuss the FY2018-19 Recruitment and Retention Grant Program. The **Webinar will be hosted on August 7, 2018 at 11:00 am**. Call-in information is listed below:

Weblink: <https://share.dhs.gov/rrgrant/>

Conference Line: 1-857-232-0159 / Conference Code: 852398

Applications must be submitted via the E-Grants System by no later than 5:00 PM, September 14, 2018.