

# FY 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Application Period Opening

---

This Advisory is notification that the application period for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program will open on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 8 a.m. ET and will close on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 5 p.m. ET.

## Purpose

The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and State Fire Training Academies. The funds provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2021* (Pub. L. No. 116-260), and the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* (Pub. L. No. 117-2) include \$460 million for the AFG Program and the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program. Of that amount, \$414 million will be awarded under the FY 2021 AFG Program to assist first-responder organizations that need support to improve their capability to respond to fires and emergencies of all types. The remaining \$46 million will be awarded under the to-be-announced FY 2021 FP&S Program.

FEMA released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY 2021 AFG Program on November 2, 2021. The funding notice and technical assistance documents for this program are available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and on the [FEMA website](#). Additional information about upcoming webinars to assist applicants is also available on the [FEMA website](#).

## Contact Us

Applicants requiring assistance should visit the [FEMA website](#), call the FEMA AFG Program Help Desk at (866) 2740960, and/or email them at [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov). The AFG Program Help Desk is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET.

If you have any questions regarding this FEMA Advisory, please contact FEMA Office of External Affairs, and Intergovernmental Affairs Division:

- ✦ Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov)
- ✦ Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov)
- ✦ Private Sector Engagement at (202) 646-3444 or at [nbeoc@max.gov](mailto:nbeoc@max.gov)



**FEMA**

November 2021 1