Fire Prevention and Safety Grant information

Part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants
Authorization:
This grant is authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG).

Purpose:
The Fire Prevention and Safety program is the non-competitive portion of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury.

Fire Prevention and Safety grants are separated into two "activities".
1. Fire Prevention and Safety: Applicants can apply for up to three projects, including Public Education Campaigns, Smoke Alarms, Sprinkler Awareness, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Firefighter Safety, Training, Wildfire Prevention/Awareness, Arson Prevention/Awareness, Risk Assessment, and General Prevention/Awareness. Applicants requesting Risk Assessments are precluded for applying for additional projects. Fire departments are subject to the same cost-share requirements as under the AFG Grants.
2. Firefighter Safety Research and Development: Applicants can apply for a grant with up to a three-year period of performance, but limited to $1 million per application. For multi-year projects, they can divide the $1 million over period of performance however they deem necessary. Projects include, but are not limited to, Database/Data Collection and Analysis Projects/Systems, Social Science Studies/Projects and Technology Studies that address injury outcomes or their surrogates such as firefighter safety, wellness, fitness or health.

Note from FEMA – “An advantage will be given to applicants whose goal is the prevention of injury to children due to the emphasis placed on this in the authorizing legislation.”

Eligible applicants:
Fire departments, and national, regional, state, local, or community organizations recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities. These include private and public nonprofit organizations.

Total funds:
$27.0 million

Grade level:
Kindergarten, elementary, middle/junior high, senior high, higher education

Application:
www.firegrantsupport.com

Federal contacts:
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The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and are under the purview of the Grant Programs Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of the types of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire-setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

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<td>Nature of problem or risk. Identification of high-risk population.</td>
<td>Allegion helps you assess the safety and security requirements of your campus through our Safe School Assessment tool will help you discover security gaps and will provide a list of action items for improving your campus security. Identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your existing campus security allows you to focus on specific actions needed to make your school safer and more secure.</td>
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<td>Offers solutions that are tailored to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire related hazards.</td>
<td>After helping you assess the safety and security requirements of your school's facilities, we offer the educational community the tools needed to make informed choices about security solutions. Allegion has a long-standing commitment to school security and safety. As the leader in the safety and security industry, Allegion provides educational facilities with premium brands of locks, key systems, exit devices, door controls, electronic access controls, doors and frames.</td>
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To find the grant application go to:

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant**
www.firegrantsupport.com

**U.S. Fire Administration**
www.usfa.fema.gov

Please contact Allegion Education Solutions for more information:
1-888-758-9823  |  www.allegion.com/us
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Sample funded grant program

Eastern Connecticut State University | Willimantic, Connecticut

What they bought with the grant:
- Fire Safety Day: Interactive activities for students, faculty, staff and community at ECSU
- Educational training throughout the year
- Fire extinguisher training plan
- Promotional fire safety items
- Fire safety education DVD

How the grant has helped:
Over 700 participants at Fire Safety Day wait for the Live Burn to take place at noon.
Colleges throughout the country average 1,800 fires per year; six of these fires will result in student fatalities. In 2006, ECSU was awarded a Fire Prevention and Safety grant to support its goal of zero fire occurrences of fire per year through interactive training. With this funding, the ECSU Environmental Health and Safety Department was able to orchestrate a Fire Safety Day on September 21, 2006 that would get students’ attention. The funding also provided for small group safety training throughout the year.

Fire Safety Day: on September 21, 2006 participants took part in hands-on activities including the following:
- Navigation of a smoke filled trailer
- Practice with a real fire extinguisher on a real fire
- Special exhibits of actual campus fires
- A “live dorm room burn”
- Talk with local city firefighters

Students often disable smoke detectors in their room by covering them. Now they could actually see how the covered detector took about forty seconds longer to go off.

The Burn was the climax of the day’s activities. Students witnessed first hand the speed and ferocity of fire; and felt the unbearable heat as the burn blackened and destroyed everything in the room in less than three minutes. “I didn’t think it would happen so fast. I’m going back to my room to double check things.” These were some of the comments students made to NBC and FOX news media filming the event. The unobstructed smoke detector went off in 7 seconds while the covered detector, a common occurrence at colleges, activated 40 seconds later. The tapestry on the ceiling caught fire within 90 seconds as the fire doubled in size. The local city fire department put out the fire in 2 minutes and 40 seconds after it had started.

The event took place in collaboration with ECSU faculty, staff and students. ECSU media students and faculty created a DVD of the live burn for use in future fire safety training for incoming students. Art student designed logos and slogans for the promotional items: t-shirts, Frisbees and water bottles. These were given out as incentives to participate in the interactive events. According to the USFA, most injuries (56%) from dormitory fires are incurred while the victims attempts to suppress the blaze.

Evaluation of the results was done with a pre and post-quiz/survey. Prior to the events held on Fire Safety Day, only 34% of those surveyed knew how to use a fire extinguisher. This percentage almost doubled to 71% after the training.

For additional information regarding this event, please contact:
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Community info: Willimantic, CN Windham county • Dorm population:2500

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