



## Subject Specific Grant Guide

# Grants to Support Fire Prevention and Safety Projects

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support Fire Departments, and fire prevention and safety projects. The grants chosen for inclusion in this guide are opportunities that are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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# FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**Agency:** Office of Rural Development

## FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

### Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

### Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	\$450 million	274
2020	\$871 million	256

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** Varies

**Match:** Not required

**Application Due:** Rolling

- Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding
- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>



### Awardee Profile

El Dorado County  
Community Health Center  
El Dorado County, CA

**AMOUNT:** \$18.5 million

**YEAR:** 2021

The El Dorado County Community Health Center received an \$18.5 million loan to build a medical facility for residents and workers in and around Placerville. The center is a key player in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in El Dorado County. It also provides medical, behavioral health, dental, pharmacy and substance misuse treatment services.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Agency:** Office of Rural Development

# FY 2023 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted-living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Other costs include reasonable and necessary fees for:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisors
- Environmental
- Archaeological
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring rights

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms

## Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Grant awards will be contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance projects if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There will be no prepayment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan. Current interest rates, when available, can be found online at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

No more than 25 percent of the total floor space of the project may be used for an ineligible purpose.

## Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at [www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices](http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices). To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors to carry and administer approved drugs and devices for emergency reversal or known or suspected opioid overdose.

Program History

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total Funding, # of Awards. Rows for 2022 and 2021.

Key Information and Tips

- Total Funding: \$17,200,000
Award Range: Varies by applicant type
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: January 13, 2023
Proposal Due: March 14, 2023
- At least 20 percent of the funding will be awarded to applicants that are not located in metropolitan statistical areas.
- A portion of the total program funding will be reserved for applicants serving rural communities with high rates of opioid abuse and entities that are not located in metropolitan statistical areas.

For more information click here.



Awardee Profile

Contra Costa County Health Services Department, Martinez, CA

AMOUNT: \$499,896
YEAR: 2021

Funding supported a pilot multiagency response initiative to provide resources, training and support to paramedics distributing leave-behind naloxone kits and administering buprenorphine and naloxone in the field and establishing referral pathways to treatment and recovery resources.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# FY 2023 First Responders: Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) Grants

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors to train, carry and administer Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act-approved drugs and devices for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. Award recipients will be expected to establish processes, protocols, and mechanisms for referral to appropriate treatment and recovery support services, and safety around fentanyl, carfentanil, and other dangerous licit and illicit drugs. Additionally, award recipients will be expected to form or join an establish an advisory committee of representatives of agencies and organizations responsible for substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and harm reduction.

This program intends to focus on populations disproportionately impacted to opioid use as evidence by high rates of opioid and other drug-related overdose, primary treatment admissions, and overdose rates. Applicants should also demonstrate that their population of focus is underserved as demonstrate by a lack of accessibility to treatment providers, emergency medical services, and recovery and other psychosocial support services.

For the purposes of this program, first responders may include firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, mobile crisis providers, or other legally organized and recognized volunteer organizations that respond to adverse opioid related incidents.

In addition to supporting training and the provision of resources, funding may be used to:

- Collaborate with health care providers to educate them on overdose dangers, and recommend that they consider providing resources to overdose victims and families, including information on treatment and recovery
- Facilitate field initiation of low-threshold buprenorphine or other appropriate medication intended to reduce the risk of withdrawal symptoms and overdose death and initiate the individual into treatment
- Provide public education on any state “Good Samaritan” laws, such as those that permit bystanders to alert emergency responders to an overdose or to administer FDA-approved overdose reversal drugs without fear of civil or criminal penalties
- Provide time-limited comprehensive support services including case management, health system navigation services, and referrals to other health or social services such as housing or employment support
- Facilitate immediate overdose follow-up support, including warm handoff referrals to treatment, recovery, and other psychosocial support resources
- Facilitate access to fentanyl test strips



- Develop and implement tobacco cessation programs, activities, and/or strategies
- Provide cultural competency and implicit bias reduction training to service providers to increase awareness and acknowledgment of differences in language, age, culture, socio-economic status, political and religious beliefs, sexual orientation and gender identity, and life experiences

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes, Tribal organizations, and local governmental entities. Eligible local governmental entities include, but are not limited to, municipal corporations, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships. Awardees who have received initial funding under this program in 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022 are not eligible to apply.

## Funding

In FY 2023 an anticipated \$17.2 million is available to support an estimated 34 awards through this program. At least 20 percent of the total funding will be awarded to applicants that are not located in metropolitan statistical areas. Maximum award amounts will vary according to applicant type, as follows:

- States: awards of up to \$800,000 per year
- Local government entities: awards of up to \$500,000 per year
- Tribes or tribal organizations: awards of up to \$250,000 per year

Up to 20 percent of the award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment. Up to 10 percent of the award may be used for state, tribal, or local governmental level administrative costs.

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Project periods may be for up to four years, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2023. Award recipients will be expected to develop behavioral health disparities impact statements within 60 days of award. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions.

## Contact Information

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Project periods may be for up to four years, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2022. Award recipients will be expected to develop behavioral health disparities impact statements within 60 days of award. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions.

## Contact Information

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FEDERAL  
GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# FY 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant

### Grant Overview

The Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant is intended to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas, with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD), co-occurring disorders (COD), and substance use and mental disorders. Eligible applicants are rural emergency medical services (EMS) agencies operated by fire-based and non-fire-based local or tribal governments and nonprofit EMS agencies.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$7.1 million	40
2021	\$5.6 million	32

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$10.4 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$200,000

**Match:** 10 percent

**Solicitation date:** March 1, 2023

**Proposal due:** May 1, 2023

- Projects must serve rural areas or residents of rural areas

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342881>



### Awardee Profile

Whatcom County  
Bellingham, WA

**AMOUNT:** \$141,410

**YEAR:** 2022

This project received funding to support EMS training.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# FY 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant

## Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas, with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD), co-occurring disorders (COD), and substance use and mental disorders. Funding will support projects to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, as well as trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations; and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency. This program is intended to develop the capacity of EMS staff to support residents in rural communities.

All projects must include the following required activities:

- Ensuring EMS personnel are trained on mental and substance use disorders and trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations
- Acquiring emergency medical services equipment with approval by the funding agency
- Purchasing drugs or devices approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose
- Training EMS personnel on the use of Naloxone in emergency opioid overdose situations
- Training EMS personnel, providing resources, and implementing procedures on connecting those who have undergone overdose reversal to SUD treatment
- Training EMS personnel on the use of motivational interviewing to engage individuals who use substances and/or who suffer mental health conditions, and to provide referrals to treatment and harm reduction services
- Training EMS personnel on working with local peer-support specialists in assisting those who have undergone overdose reversal, including facilitating warm handoffs
- Developing procedures to ensure all overdoses are reported to the state and/or local public health departments so that any individual who has experienced an overdose can be followed up with and provided linkages to treatment and referral to ongoing peer recovery support
- Training EMS personnel, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency
- Conducting courses that qualify graduates to serve in an EMS agency
- Funding specific training to meet federal or state licensing or certification requirements

Projects may also include the following activities:

- Recruiting and training EMS personnel, which may include volunteer personnel
- Developing new ways to educate emergency health care providers using technology-enhanced educational methods
- Acquiring personal protective equipment (PPE) for emergency medical services personnel, as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Purchasing, distributing, and training on the use of fentanyl test strips

- Purchasing buprenorphine and training EMS personnel on the use of this medication in the field
- Creating formal agreements that link EMS data platforms and local departments of public health in order to rapidly identify overdose hotspots that may require increased surveillance and deployment of EMS personnel
- Partnering with local community organizations, health providers, behavioral health organizations, faith-based entities, schools, employers, and other entities on education and training initiatives

For the purposes of this program, EMS include:

- Resources used by a public or private nonprofit licensed entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of the condition of the patient
- Services delivered on a compensated or volunteer basis by an EMS provider or other provider that is licensed or certified by the state involved as an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, or an equivalent professional

All projects must implement high-quality programs, practices, and policies that are recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and equity-based as a means of improving behavioral health.

Projects are encouraged to address the behavioral health needs of the following populations and consider prioritizing such populations for services, where appropriate:

- Active-duty military service members, returning veterans, and military families
- LGBTQI+ population

Eligible costs include personnel costs, fringe benefits, travel costs, equipment, supplies, contract costs, other direct costs, and indirect costs.

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are rural emergency medical services (EMS) agencies operated by fire-based and non-fire-based local or tribal governments and nonprofit EMS agencies.

Projects must serve rural areas or residents of rural areas. For the purposes of this program, rural areas are defined as:

- A non-metropolitan statistical area
- An area designated as a rural area by any law or regulation of a state
- A rural census tract of a metropolitan statistical area

## Funding

In FY 2022, an estimated \$10,400,000 is available to support approximately 52 awards of up to \$200,000 through this program.

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of the total award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The indirect cost rate is limited to 8 percent of the proposed budget.

Applicants' budget justifications must include a description of existing resources and other support expected to be received for the proposed project. Other support is defined as funds or resources, whether federal,

nonfederal, or institutional, in direct support of activities through fellowships, gifts, prizes, in-kind contributions, or nonfederal means. Other sources of funds may be used for unallowable costs.

Awards are anticipated to be made August 31, 2023. The project period is anticipated to span up to one year, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2023.

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## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

# FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

### Grant Overview

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognize standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Eligible applicants are fire departments, non-affiliated emergency medical services organizations, and state fire training academies.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$333.8 million	1,922
2020	\$319.5 million	1,887

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$324 million

**Award Range:** Varies by population

**Match:** Varies by population

**Solicitation date:** January 9, 2023

**Proposal due:** February 10, 2023

- Construction costs are not eligible under the AFG program
- To be most competitive only select projects ranked High priority
- Do not use brand names in narratives
- Work with your FEMA [Regional Fire Program Specialist](#)

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>



### Awardee Profile

Pendleton Fire  
Department  
Pendleton, IN

**AMOUNT:** \$550,000

**YEAR:** 2021

The Town of Pendleton, Indiana received a vehicle acquisition grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

## FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Applicants may request funding under the following eligible activities:

#### Operations and safety:

- Training: hands-on, instructor-led training that meets a national, state, or Department of Homeland Security adopted standard and results in a national or state certification provides the greatest training benefit
- Equipment: equipment for effective response, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical operations to enhance public safety. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:
  - Obtain equipment to achieve minimum operational and deployment standards for existing missions as High Priority
  - Replace non-compliant equipment to current standard as High Priority
  - Obtain equipment for new mission as Medium Priority
  - Upgrade technology to current standard as Low Priority
- Personal protective equipment (PPE): acquiring compliant PPE for firefighting and non-affiliated EMS personnel with the goal of increasing firefighter safety. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:
  - Acquiring or replacing an individual SCBA face piece for each operational member of an organization as High Priority.
  - Increase supply for new hire/existing firefighters that do not have one set of turnout gear (PPE) or allocated seated position (SCBA). This includes replacing out of service PPE and SCBA as High Priority
  - Replace in-service/in-use/damaged/unsafe/unrepairable PPE or SCBA to meet current standard as High Priority
  - Replace in-service/in-use/expired/noncompliant PPE or SCBA to current standard as High Priority
  - Upgrade technology to current standard as Low Priority
- Wellness and fitness: activities intended to strengthen emergency responders so that their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient enough to withstand the demands of all hazardous operations
- Modifications to facilities: modifying fire stations and other facilities. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:



- New source capture exhaust systems, sprinkle systems, carbon monoxide, or smoke/fire detection systems as high priority. Replacement or updates to existing source capture exhaust systems are considered lower priority over requests for new systems.
- Emergency generators, Air Quality Systems as medium priority.

Vehicle acquisition: funding to purchase one or more vehicles, and funding for driver training as required

Regional projects: regional activities that benefit more than one local jurisdiction and that seek to support regional efficiency and resilience and achieve cost effectiveness

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- Fire departments: an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal, or territorial authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.
- Non-affiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations: an agency or organization that is a public or private nonprofit emergency medical service entity providing medical transport that is not affiliated with a hospital and does not serve a geographic area in which emergency medical services are adequately provided by a fire department. FEMA considers the following as hospitals under the AFG Program: clinics; medical centers; medical college or university; infirmary; surgery centers; and any other institution, association, or foundation providing medical, surgical, or psychiatric care and/or treatment for the sick or injured.
- State fire training academies (SFTAs): SFTAs designated either by legislation or by a governor's declaration as the sole state fire service training agency within a state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

Although NFIRS reporting is not a requirement to apply for any AFG Program, fire departments that receive funding under this program must agree to provide information to the NFIRS for the period of performance covered by the assistance.

Applicants do not need to be in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS); however, applicants that receive funding must achieve a level of NIMS compliance required by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) over the applicant's emergency service operations prior to the end of the project period.

## Funding

In FY 2022, \$324 million is available to support approximately 2,000 awards through this program. The project period will span 24 months from the date of award.

Maximum award amounts will vary according to the population of the jurisdiction served by the applicant, as follows:

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of 100,000 residents or fewer: no more than \$1 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 100,001 residents, but not more than 500,000 residents: no more than \$2 million

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 500,001 residents, but not more than 1 million residents: no more than \$3 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 1 million residents, but not more than 2.5 million residents: no more than \$3.2 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 2.5 million residents: no more than \$3.2 million

The total funding available for will be allocated according to applicant type, as follows:

- Fire Departments: Not less than 25% of available grant funds shall be awarded to career, combination, or volunteer department types (total of 75 percent).
- Nonaffiliated EMS Organizations: Not more than 2% of available grant funds shall be collectively awarded to all nonaffiliated EMS organization recipients.
- Emergency Medical Services Providers: Not less than 3.5% of available grant funds shall fund emergency medical services provided by fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations.
- State Fire Training Academy: Not more than 3% of available grant funds shall be collectively awarded to all SFTA recipients. Further, not more than \$500,000 of available federal grant funds may be awarded per SFTA applicant.
- Vehicles: Not more than 25% of available grant funds may be used by recipients for the purchase of vehicles. Of that amount, based on stakeholder recommendations, FEMA intends to allocate 10% of the total vehicle funds for ambulances.
- Micro Grants: The selection of the voluntary Micro Grant option (cumulative federal funding of \$50,000) for eligible Operations and Safety activities does not impact an applicant's request or participation under the Vehicle Acquisition or Regional projects. Applicants who select Micro Grants under Operations and Safety as a funding opportunity choice may still apply for a Vehicle Acquisition or Regional project. Of the 25% allocated to each of the career, combination, and volunteer departments, FEMA will aim to fund no less than 25% of the allocation for Micro Grants.

Cost share requirements will vary according to the population of the jurisdiction served by the applicant, as follows:

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of 20,000 residents or fewer: applicants must provide at least 5 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 20,000 residents, but not more than 1 million residents: applicants must provide at least 10 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 1 million residents: applicants must provide at least 15 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions

The cost share for SFTAs will apply the requirements above based on the total population of the state. The cost share for a regional application will apply the requirements above based on the aggregate population of the primary first due response areas of the host and participating partner organizations. In cases of demonstrated financial hardship, the required cost share may be waived or reduced.

FEMA has developed a [cost share calculator tool](#) in order to assist applicants with determining their cost share.

## Contact Information

Work with your FEMA [Regional Fire Program Specialist](#) on scoping your application and consult the AFG help desk at (866) 274-0960 or [FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov).

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

# FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

## Grant Overview

The Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) program provides support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change. Program priorities for FY 2023 are to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, incorporate nature-based solutions, enhance climate resilience and adaptation, and increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes. Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. **Local governments may apply as a sub-applicant through their state specific process.**

## Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$1 billion	53

## Key Information

**Total Funding:** \$1 billion

**Award Range:** Varies

**Match:** Varies

**Solicitation date:** October 12, 2023

**Proposal due:** February 29, 2024

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>



## Awardee Profile

County of Nevada,  
California

**AMOUNT:** \$31,030,000

**YEAR:** 2021

The County of Nevada received pass-through funding to use nature-based solutions and a multi-faceted approach to directly address wildfire risk to lives, homes and community lifelines through home-hardening and near-home defensible space vegetation management, landscape level fuel modification, and community education.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

## FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The guiding principles of the program include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

The program aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive, post-disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investments in community resilience. These investments aim to reduce future disaster losses, including loss of life and property as well as future spending from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). BRIC focuses on cost-effective mitigation measures including protecting public infrastructure so that critical services can withstand or more rapidly recover from future disasters, as well as other projects and activities to increase resilience throughout the nation. Through the program, the funding agency can engage state, local, tribal, and territorial partners in enhancing climate resilience and adaptation through systems-based, community-wide investments. The funding agency is including new provisions to implement the [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act](#), a new law which aims to direct public and private resilience investments in communities that are most vulnerable to natural hazards.

The program objectives are to:

- Increase climate literacy among the emergency management community, including awareness of natural hazard risks and knowledge of best practices for mitigation
- Increase awareness of stakeholders and partners with capabilities to support mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery
- Ensure more innovative risk-informed mitigation projects are developed and completed, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions
- Assist communities identify and mitigate the risks to natural hazards and their own threats from climate change.
- Direct increased resources to eliminate disparities in equitable outcomes across underserved communities

The program priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities as referenced in [Executive Order 14008](#)
- Incorporate nature-based solutions including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

The program encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities.

Financial assistance awards will be provided for the following activities:

- Capability- and Capacity-building Activities: enhancing the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning related activities, and other activities.
- Hazard Mitigation Projects (construction): cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards and the effects of climate change.
- Management Costs: financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount up to 15 percent of the total amount of the grant award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award amount may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs generally.

Applicants may also request non-financial direct technical assistance via the [BRIC Technical Assistance](#) program which supports the development of climate resilience planning and project design in, and with, underserved and/or disadvantaged communities, and federally recognized tribal governments that are disproportionately affected by natural hazard risk and climate change.

In accordance with the BRIC program's guiding principle of promoting equity and in implementing the Justice40 Initiative, the BRIC program is prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in EO 14008 and subsequent guidance. BRIC is prioritizing assistance to disadvantaged or Justice40 communities as identified by the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#), an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community), or a Community Disaster Resilience Zone (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5136(a)(1)).

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. Eligible applicants must have had a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the seven years prior to the annual application period and have an approved state or tribal hazard mitigation plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 by the application deadline.

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments, may choose to apply as sub-applicants and request financial assistance from their state, territory, or tribal applicant agency. Many states have fixed subapplication deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) to learn about its sub-application process.

## Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1 billion in funding will be available to support awards. Of the total amount, funding will be allocated as follows:

- State/territory Allocation: a total of \$112 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- Tribal Set-aside: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- State/territory Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$2 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- Tribal Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$25 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- National Competition: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$50 million.

## Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the project costs via nonfederal cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof; however, the match requirement is decreased to 10 percent of the project costs for economically disadvantaged rural community applicants and federally recognized Indian tribal government. Projects performed within, and/or that primarily benefit a designated Community Disaster Resilience Zone also have a decreased cost sharing requirement of 10 percent of the total project costs.

Award recipients may be reimbursed for management costs that include indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount of up to 15 percent of the award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs.

The project period will last for 36 months, starting on the date of award.

## Contact Information

For general questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) or [FEMA Regional Office](#).

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

# FY 2022 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program

### Grant Overview

The purpose of the FP&S Grant Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. Eligible applicants are fire departments (all levels and regions), units of local government, and non-profit organizations.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$46 million	150
2017	\$34.5 million	119

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$36 million

**Award Range:** Up to \$1.5 million

**Match:** 5 percent

**Solicitation date:** February 21, 2023

**Proposal due:** March 31, 2023

- All proposals will be evaluated on how well the applicant demonstrates the understanding of their actual community fire and safety risks
- Applicants able to demonstrate experience and ability to conduct fire prevention and safety activities, and to execute the proposed or similar project(s), will receive additional consideration

<https://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants>



### Awardee Profile

Brevard County Fire and Rescue  
Brevard County, FL

**AMOUNT:** \$44,923

**YEAR:** 2021

Brevard County Fire and Rescue received funding for public education and the active juvenile firesetter intervention program.



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

## FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of the FP&S Grant Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The objective is to award grants directly to eligible applicants in order to carry out fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts and research and development. All proposals, as part of the vulnerability statement, will be evaluated on how well the applicant demonstrates the understand of their actual community fire and safety risks. A community risk assessment should be used to document the risk as a basis for mitigation. A risk analysis should be the foundation of the application. FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities:

- **Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Activity:** designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries, and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards. Accordingly, the five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:
  - **Community Risk Reduction:**
    - Smoke alarms: projects that encompass educational components that teach how smoke alarms work while promoting the installation and/or inspection of smoke alarms
    - Public education: national or local projects that promote the reduction of injury due to fire or other safety hazards
    - Training: local or regional projects that educate or train personnel in the area of public education
    - General prevention/awareness: projects that include general prevention initiatives
    - Juvenile firesetters: projects that are designed to mitigate the instances of fire set by children
  - **Wildfire Risk Reduction:** projects that include Community Wildfire Protection Plans or programs supporting fire adapted community initiatives
  - **Code Enforcement/Awareness:** projects that focus on first time or reinstatement of code adoptions and code enforcement, including WUI fire codes for communities with a WUI-wildfire risk; project may also include assistance for the adoption or awareness of building codes, support for conducting inspections or pre-planning, and the promotion of code enforcement to improve engineering and/or enacting fire-related ordinances for new construction
  - **Fire & Arson Investigation:** projects that aim aggressively to investigate every fire; eligible costs may include: arson investigation trailers; educational materials; equipment (including PPE); arson-related surveillance equipment; personnel costs; and media equipment
  - **National/State/Regional Programs and Studies:** safety and wellness projects that aim to measurably change firefighter behavior and the decision making of the target audience

- **Firefighter Safety Research and Development (R&D) Activity:** aimed at reducing firefighter line-of-duty fatalities and injuries through research to improve firefighter safety, health, or well-being. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:
  - Clinical Studies: projects that address behavioral, social science, and cultural research, as well as physiological and medical research activities
  - Technology and Product Development: projects that develop new technology or adapt existing technology, resulting in outcomes that enhance the safety of firefighting activities
  - Database System Development: projects that develop database systems for the systemic collection of information that aims to determine the predictors and correlations for incidents pertaining to fatal and non-fatal injuries
  - Preliminary Studies: projects of one year in duration that aim to obtain a sufficient amount of evidence to justify a future larger study
  - Early Career Investigator: projects that promote the development of principal investigators engaged in research to improve firefighter safety, health, and well-being

## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants for FP&S activities are: fire departments; and national, regional, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

Eligible applicants for R&D activities are: national, state, local, federally recognized tribal, and non-profit organizations, such as academic (e.g., universities), public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity.

Fire departments need not be currently participating in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS); however, fire departments that receive funding must agree to provide information to the NFIRS for the period covered by the assistance. Applicants need not be in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS); however, applicants that receive funding must achieve the level of NIMS compliance required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) over the applicant's emergency service operations prior to the end of the project period.

## Funding

For FY22, a total of \$36 million is available to support approximately 100 awards of up to \$1.5 million each. Applicants applying under the early career investigator project category are limited to awards of up to \$600,000 per project year. Micro-grants of up to \$25,000 each are eligible for funding under the FP&S Activity and are designed to assist applicants with a limited need and provide additional awards through this funding opportunity. Generally, recipients shall be paid in advance.

Project periods are as follows:

- FP&S Activity: project periods of 12 to 24 months
- R&D Activity: periods of 12, 24 or 36 months

Applicants must provide at least 5 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions.

## Contact Information

Program Staff  
(866) 274-0960

[FireGrants@fems.dhs.gov](mailto:FireGrants@fems.dhs.gov)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

# FY 2021 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

### Grant Overview

This program helps states, tribes, and territories enact mitigation measures following a presidential major disaster declaration that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar offices of the 50 states, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. Sub-applicants include state agencies, tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

### Program History

Program history varies and is based upon a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

### Key Information

**Total Funding:** Varies by yearly appropriations

**Match:** 25 percent

**Solicitation date:** Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

**Proposal due:** Varies by State subapplication period

<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>



### Tips

- State and local governments may apply for funding under this program through a state's governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory
- Check with your State to learn about deadlines and application requirements
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation plan
- The process for states and local governments to receive funding under this program is further explained by FEMA [here](#)

**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**Agency:** Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

## FY 2021 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help states, tribes, and territories rebuild following a presidential major disaster declaration in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Awards will be provided for hazard mitigation activities that include long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters.

Supported project activities include:

- Protecting or purchasing public or private property that experienced, or is in danger of experiencing, repetitive damage
- Purchasing and removing a flood-prone property from an individual
- Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans, which are required for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to receive funding for their hazard mitigation projects
- Using aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, or green infrastructure methods that may reduce the impacts of flood and drought

Funding will also be provided for mitigation activities involving homes, including:

- Protecting a home with barriers to prevent floodwater from entering
- Raising a home so that potential floodwaters flow under it
- Constructing a new, raised home to replace a demolished one
- Making a home more resistant to floods and earthquakes
- Building a safe room inside or nearby to provide safety from strong winds, such as during a tornado or hurricane
- Using fire-resistant materials on the outside of a home and clearing trees and brush around it
- Strengthening the roof, walls, doors and windows of a home to minimize high wind damage

This program only accepts applications following an applicable presidential major disaster declaration. Should the program open, applicable disaster declarations and deadlines to apply for this program will be posted online at [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters). Subapplicants should check State Emergency Operations websites to learn about State HMGP deadlines.

### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar officers of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and federally recognized tribes. Each state, territory, commonwealth, or federally recognized tribe must designate one agency to serve as the applicant. All interested sub applicants must apply to the applicant. Eligible sub

applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Applicants must have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- approved mitigation plan at the time of the presidential major disaster declaration, and at the time HMGP funding is obligated to the recipient or subrecipient. There is no mitigation plan requirement for the development of a new mitigation plan.

## Funding

In FY 2021, there is an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards through this program. The maximum amount of funding available is calculated using a “sliding scale” formula based on a percentage of the estimated total federal assistance available under the Stafford Act, excluding administrative costs for each presidential major disaster declaration.

Applicants with a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved state or tribal standard mitigation plan may receive:

- Up to 15 percent of the first \$2 billion of the estimated aggregate amount of disaster assistance
- Up to 10 percent for the next portion of the estimated aggregate amount more than \$2 billion and up to \$10 billion
- Up to 7.5 percent for the next portion of the estimate aggregate amount more than \$10 billion and up to \$35,333,000,000

Applicants with a FEMA-approved state or tribal enhanced mitigation plan are eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the estimated total federal assistance under the Stafford Act, not to exceed \$35,333,000,000, excluding administrative costs authorized for the disaster. Advance assistance may be available in the amount of up to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling or \$10 million, whichever is less, to applicants/sub applicants to accelerate the implementation of the program.

Up to 7 percent of the grantee's HMGP ceiling may be used for mitigation planning activities. Up to 5 percent of the grantee's HMGP ceiling may be used for mitigation measures that are difficult to evaluate against traditional program cost effectiveness criteria.

For presidential major disaster declarations for all hazards, an additional 5 percent of the grantee's HMGP ceiling may be used to fund hazard mitigation activities. Grantees may request a flat percentage rate of 4.89 percent of the projected eligible program costs for management costs.

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The program period of performance will begin with the opening of the application period and end no later than 36 months from the close of the application period.

## Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [regional office](#). A list of state hazard mitigation officers can be found [here](#).

<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>



**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior  
**Agency:** Fish and Wildlife Service

## FY 2023 National Fire Plan: Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance

### Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to implement the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and assist communities at risk from catastrophic wildland fires. Eligible applicants are state, local, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofit and for profit organizations are eligible to apply.

### Program History

Program history not available.

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$25 million

**Award Range:** \$5,000 - \$10 million

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** June 5, 2023

**Proposal due:** August 30, 2023

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348531>



### Tips

- Applicants seeking technical or financial assistance are requested to consult with local FWS HQ, program, or field station BEFORE developing or submitting an application.
- Applicants will be required to provide sufficient information to support environmental compliance review requirements as part of this application.
- Projects that include a cost-share or service in-kind contribution will have priority for selection.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Interior

**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation

# FY 2023 National Fire Plan-Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance

## Detailed Summary

This program provides funding to implement the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and assist communities at risk from catastrophic wildland fires by providing assistance in the following areas:

- Implementation of community programs that develop and enhance local capability in the areas of risk management and planning, training, mitigation activities, and community and homeowner education and action;
- Planning and implementation of fuels management reduction activities aimed at mitigating the threat of catastrophic wildfire to communities and natural resources in high-risk areas, including associated monitoring or maintenance, on federal land and/or on adjacent nonfederal land;
- Enhancement of local and small business employment opportunities for rural communities; and providing education and training focused on increasing knowledge and fire protection capability of rural fire districts.

DOI will give highest funding priority status to proposed projects that meet more of the following conditions:

- Project planning and implementation of fuels management reduction activities are aimed at mitigating the threat of catastrophic wildfires to communities and natural resources in high risk areas.
- Project provides immediate service to the community (e.g. provide firewood, local jobs, public safety, etc).
- Project seeks to offset or combat climate change through design and resiliency.
- Project includes cost-share or service in-kind contribution

Secondary ranking factors include:

- Project implements community programs that develop and enhance local capability in the areas of risk assessment and planning, training, mitigation activities, and landowner education and action.
- Project promotes ecosystem restoration-reforestation, noxious weeds reduction, hardwood mgt., fuels reduction
- Project meets hard targets (acres of treatment) fuels, Timber stand Improvement, fish and Wildlife habitat protection.
- Project provides education and training focused on increasing knowledge and fire protection capability of rural fire districts
  - Improving fish passage, including installation and/or modification of fish screens, ladders, bypasses, or removing small barriers to fish passage (e.g., diversion dams).
  - Improving fish hatcheries (e.g., chillers, holding pens, transport, disease control, or prevention).



## Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, individuals, for profit organizations other than small businesses, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), private institutions of higher education, state governments Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, special district governments, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), county governments, and small businesses.

Other eligible organizations include 501(c) 4 or 501(c) 5 nonprofit organizations that are labor unions, neighborhood associations, or other types of eligible organizations, including those that reach or represent potentially underserved communities.

Applicants seeking technical or financial assistance are requested to consult with local U.S. Fish and Wildlife HQ, program, of field station before developing or submitting an application.

## Funding

In FY 2023, an estimated \$25,000,000 is available to support an expected 25 awards between \$5,000 and \$1 million. Matching and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not required, although DOI strives to achieve a minimum 1:1 cost share on selected projects. Cost share may be monetary or in-kind contributions and will vary from project to project.

## Contact Information

For programmatic technical assistance, contact:

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<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348531>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

# FY 2023 Public Assistance Program

## Grant Overview

This program provides federal funds to assist communities responding to, and recovering from, major disasters or emergencies declared by the president. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. Eligible applicants are states, tribes, and territories. Eligible subrecipients are state and territorial governments, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments including counties and parishes, municipalities, local public authorities, school districts, intrastate districts, councils of government, regional and interstate government entities, agencies or instrumentalities of local government, state-recognized tribes, and special districts, and nonprofits.

## Program History

Program history varies and is based upon a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

## Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** Unspecified

**Award Range:** Unspecified

**Match:** 25 percent

**Solicitation date:** Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

**Proposal due:** Rolling deadline

<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>



## Tips

- This program only accepts requests for assistance following an applicable [disaster declaration](#)
- Subrecipient applicants must submit requests for public assistance (RPAs) within 30 days after the presidential disaster designation

**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

## FY 2023 Public Assistance Program

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide federal funds to assist communities responding to, and recovering from, major disasters or emergencies declared by the president. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. The program also encourages protection of damaged facilities from future events by supporting hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

Disaster recovery activities for eligible facilities must be:

- Required as a result of the declared incident
- Performed within the designated disaster area
- The legal responsibility of an eligible applicant

Eligible activities must fall under one of the following categories:

- Emergency work:
  - Debris removal
  - Emergency protective measures
- Permanent work:
  - Roads and bridges
  - Water control facilities
  - Public buildings and contents
  - Public utilities
  - Parks, recreational, and other facilities

Eligible facilities include buildings, works, systems, equipment, or natural features. Eligible costs include labor costs, equipment, materials, contract work, and direct and indirect administrative costs.

Eligibility is limited to projects located within federally declared disaster areas.

### Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, tribes, and territories. Eligible subrecipients are state and territorial governments, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments including counties and parishes, municipalities, local public authorities, school districts, intrastate districts, councils of government, regional and interstate government entities, agencies or instrumentalities of local government, state-recognized tribes, and special districts, and private nonprofits.

In addition, community development districts that are legally responsible for ownership, maintenance, and operation of an eligible facility that is accessible to the general public are eligible to apply as a subrecipient.

Private nonprofit organizations must demonstrate that the eligible facilities provide a critical educational, utility, emergency, or medical service or a non-critical but essential government service that is open to the general public.

This program only accepts requests for assistance following an applicable disaster declaration. After a disaster declaration, eligible states, tribal governments, and U.S. territories will be recipients of pass-through awards and conduct an applicant briefing to inform eligible subrecipients of the assistance available and how to apply. Subrecipient applicants must submit requests for public assistance (RPAs) within 30 days after the presidential disaster designation. The funding agency may extend the deadline for submitting an RPA if the pass-through applicant submits a request in writing with justification based on extenuating circumstances beyond the pass-through applicant's or subrecipient applicant's control. Disaster declarations will be posted online at [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters).

## Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program.

Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

In general, emergency work must be completed within six months, and permanent work must be completed within 18 months. Subrecipients may request an extension of the project period in writing.

## Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, pass-through applicants must provide up to 25 percent of total eligible costs for emergency measures and permanent restoration via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. The pass-through applicant will determine how the required match will be disbursed to subrecipient applicants.

If actual federal obligations, excluding administrative costs, meet or exceed a qualifying threshold, the funding agency may cover up to 90 percent of total eligible costs for emergency measures and permanent restoration. For emergency work, the federal cost share may be increased in limited circumstances, if warranted.

Other federal award funds may be used as a match, provided such use is permitted by statute.

## Contact Information

Program Staff  
(202) 646-2500

<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

## FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

# FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

### Grant Overview

This program provides funding to fire departments and firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. Eligible applicants are volunteer fire departments, combination fire departments, career fire departments, and national, state, local, and tribal organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters.

### Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$360 million	118

### Key Information and Tips

**Total Funding:** \$360 million

**Award Range:** Unspecified

**Match:** Not required

**Solicitation date:** February 13, 2023

**Proposal due:** March 17, 2023

- The funding agency prioritizes bringing non-compliant (NFPA 1710 or 1720) departments into compliance in the most cost-effective manner

<https://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>



### Awardee Profile

City of Yuba, CA

**AMOUNT:** \$1,199,700

**YEAR:** 2021

The City of Yuba received funding for the hiring of new firefighters.

**Department:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

## FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

### Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and ensure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. Awards will assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. Awards will allow recipients to respond to emergencies more effectively and safely, with a reduction in response time and an increase in the number of trained personnel assembled at incident scenes.

Eligible activities include:

- **Hiring Activity:** offers awards to support projects to hire new, additional firefighters, or to change the status of part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time firefighters; rehire laid off firefighters; or to retain firefighters facing layoff; eligible costs include:
  - Salaries and associated benefits for the positions funded through this program
  - Compensation for a firefighter's normal, contracted work schedule
  - Salaries and benefits of firefighters hired with program funds while they are engaged in initial recruit training
- **Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Activity:** offers awards to support projects to assist fire departments with the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters who are involved with or trained in the operations of firefighting and emergency response; eligible costs that are of high priority include:
  - Costs to support a staffing needs assessment identifying the operational staff and support that are required to carry out fire department responsibilities safely and effectively
  - Costs to support an R&R coordinator, a program manager, and/or an award administrator
  - Marketing to recruit new volunteer firefighters
  - New member costs
  - New recruit basic training that is not covered under a department's normal operating budget
  - Leadership/career development training when used as a retention incentive that is not covered under a department's normal operating budget
  - Instructor/train-the-trainer training that is not covered under a department's normal operating budget
  - Tuition assistance for higher education
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE)/turnout gear
  - Length of service award program (LOSAP) or retirement program

The funding agency prioritizes bringing non-compliant (NFPA 1710 or 1720) departments into compliance in the most cost-effective manner. Additionally, applicants that currently have the lowest recruitment and retention rates among the entire region and/or all fire departments benefitting from the grant funds receive higher consideration for funding.

All award recipients will be required to achieve the level of National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) over their emergency service operations prior to the end of the grant's period of performance.

Award recipients must work with the funding agency to establish correct staffing levels, and maintain the number of staff, including new hires, throughout the project period.

## Applicant Eligibility

### Eligible applicants for the Hiring Activity:

Fire departments operating in US states, as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization. National, regional, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit interest organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters are NOT eligible to receive a SAFER Program award under the Hiring Activity.

### Eligible applicants for the R&R Activity:

Volunteer and combination fire departments operating in US states, as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization. National, regional, state, local, tribal and nonprofit interest organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters are eligible to receive a SAFER Program award under the R&R Activity. Career fire departments are NOT eligible to apply for funding under the R&R activity.

Volunteer and combination fire departments may apply for funding under both the hiring activity and the R&R activity; however, departments must complete separate applications for each activity. Applicants are limited to one application per activity, per application period.

For the purposes of this program, fire departments are defined as an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal, or territorial authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.

SAFER Program applicants are not required to comply with NIMS to apply for SAFER Program funding or to receive a SAFER Program award. Any applicant who receives an FY 2022 SAFER Program award must achieve the level of NIMS compliance required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) over the applicant's emergency service operations (e.g., a local government), prior to the end of the grant's period of performance.

## Funding

In FY 2022, \$360 million is available to support approximately 300 awards through this program. Of this funding, a total of 10 percent of available funding is set aside for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters, of which no more than 33 percent can be awarded to national, state, local, territorial, or federally recognized tribal organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighters. In addition, 10 percent of available funding is set aside for awards for volunteer or majority volunteer fire departments for the hiring of firefighters. Awards may be paid in advance or on a reimbursement basis. There is no Maintenance of Effort (MOE) or minimum budget requirement for fire departments through this solicitation.

There is no match for this program.

The period of performance for applications funded under the Hiring Activity will be 36-months. For Hiring Activity projects, a default 180-day recruitment period will begin upon the funding agency's approval of applications. The 36-month project period will begin after this recruitment period. If a recipient can hire all SAFER Program-funded firefighters before the end of the 180-day recruitment period, the period of performance may begin early if they wish.

The period of performance for applications funded under the Recruitment and Retention Activity is 12, 24, 36, or 48 months. For Recruitment and Retention projects, a default 90-day recruitment period will begin upon the funding agency's approval of awards. The 12- to 48-month project period will begin after this recruitment period. If a recipient can begin its recruitment or retention activities during the 90-day recruitment period, the period of performance may begin at that time.

Extensions to the period of performance for this program are allowed. Applicants must formally request extensions through the FEMA GO portal.

The projected start and end date for the period of performance varies based on award date and activity type.

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