

US Department of Homeland Security
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

FY 2014 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

Overview Information

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US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number

97.044

CFDA Title

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Funding Opportunity Announcement Title

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S)

Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, Pub. L. No. 93-498, as amended (15 USC § 2229)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014 (Pub. L. No. 113-76)

Opportunity ID Number

DHS-14-GPD-044-000-98

Key Dates and Time

Application Start Date:	03/16/2015 at 8:00 a.m. ET
Application Submission Deadline:	04/17/2015 at 5:00 p.m. ET
Anticipated Funding Selection Date:	N/A
Anticipated Award Date:	No later than 09/30/2015

Other Key Dates

Projected Award Start Date(s):	06/01/2015
Projected Award End Date(s):	09/30/2015

Intergovernmental Review

Is an intergovernmental review required? Yes No

Pursuant to Executive Order 12372, an intergovernmental review may be required by applicable State law or regulation. Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of

- **General Education/Awareness Priority:** Comprehensive home fire safety campaign with **door-to-door smoke alarm installations and/or sprinkler awareness.**

- **Fire/Arson Investigation Priority:** Projects that aim to aggressively investigate every fire.
- **Code Enforcement/Awareness Priority:** Projects that focus on first time or reinstatement of code adoption and code enforcement.
- **National/State/Regional Programs and Studies Priority:** Projects that focus on residential fire issues and/or firefighter safety projects or strategies that are designed to measureable change firefighter behavior and decision making.

- **Meeting the needs of people with disabilities (additional consideration):** Applicants in the General Education/Awareness category will receive additional consideration if, as part of their comprehensive smoke alarm installation and education program, they address the needs of people with disabilities (**e.g., deaf/hard-of-hearing, etc.**) in their community.

- **Experience and Expertise (additional consideration):** Applicants who demonstrate their experience and ability to conduct fire prevention and safety activities, and to execute the proposed or similar project(s), will receive additional consideration.

NOTE: Applicants in the National/State/Regional Programs and Studies category will be required to list in the Narrative Section any proposed or in place partnerships that would support the project.

- ii. **Evaluation Criteria for Projects - Research and Development Activity**
Funding decisions will be informed by an assessment of how well the application addresses the criteria and considerations listed below. All applications will be reviewed by a fire service expert panel using weighted evaluation criteria, and those applications deemed to be in the “competitive range” will then be reviewed by a scientific peer review panel evaluation using weighted evaluation criteria to score the project. Scientific evaluations will impact the ranking of a project for funding.

Fire Service Evaluation Criteria:

- **Purpose (25%):** Applicants should clearly identify the benefits of the proposed research project to improve firefighter safety, health, or wellness, and identify specific gaps in knowledge that will be addressed.

General Education/Awareness Priority

According to data available to FEMA and the USFA, working smoke alarms greatly reduce the risk of fire casualties for the nation’s residents.

Therefore, under this category there are two (2) priorities. The first priority will be given to programs that target a specific high risk population to conduct both door-to-door smoke alarm installations and provide home safety inspections, as part of a comprehensive home fire safety campaign. The comprehensive home fire safety campaign should also include an educational program that is delivered to the occupant at the time of the installation and inspection.

The second priority will be given to programs that include sprinkler awareness that affect the entire community in this effort, such as educating the public about residential sprinklers, promoting residential sprinklers, and demonstrating working models of residential sprinklers. Installation of sprinkler systems is only eligible if proposed as part of a sprinkler demonstration/educational effort.

Further, additional consideration will be given to applicants who incorporate supplies for deaf/hard-of-hearing alarm installations as part of their comprehensive installation and education effort (hardwiring of deaf/hard-of-hearing smoke alarms is eligible).

FEMA, through its FP&S Grants, promotes the use of smoke alarms that are powered by non-removable, non-replaceable batteries that power the smoke alarm for a minimum of 10 years and are enclosed within a tamper-resistant housing.

Applicants who do not plan on using smoke alarms powered by non-removable, non-replaceable batteries that power the smoke alarm for a minimum of 10 years, and are enclosed within a tamper-resistant housing, should address the rationale for using alternatives.

Other General Education/Awareness Eligible Projects (NOTE: these projects will not receive a priority rating)

Smoke Alarms: Applicants who are unable to meet the above stated funding priority (door-to-door installations and home safety inspections) for this category are still eligible to apply for smoke alarms, but will not receive a priority rating. This includes projects that encompass educational components that teach how smoke alarms work to provide early warning in case of a fire, while promoting the installation of smoke alarms and/or inspections to assure that previously installed smoke alarms are operational. Applicants who will not perform

Public Education: National or local projects that promote the reduction of injury due to fire or other safety hazards are eligible under this activity. Projects may include burn prevention, media/public relations campaigns, injury prevention, or other community risk reductions that could be justified in the Narrative Statement. Educational props (educational tools), including fire extinguisher trainers, must be part of a comprehensive and detailed public safety education campaign. Eligible items include escape planning, model homes,