

## What is the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program?

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program focuses on enhancing the safety of the firefighters and therefore public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.
- The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.
- AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

## Objectives

- The goal of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.
- The objectives of the AFG Program are to provide critically needed resources.
  - that **equip and train emergency personnel** to recognized standards,
  - **outfit responders** with compliant personal protective equipment to increase responders' physical protection against hazards during incident response,
  - provide funding to **retrofit or modify facilities** to protect personnel from known health hazards,
  - **acquire emergency response vehicles,**
  - **design and implement health, wellness and resiliency programs** that prepare responders for incident response,
  - **enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.**

## Eligible Applicants

- The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs), Non-federal airport and/or port authority fire.

## Other Eligibility Criteria/Restrictions

- **National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)** 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.
- **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** Any applicant who receives an AFG 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.

## Cost Share

- Eligible applicants shall agree to make available non-federal funds to carry out an AFG Program award in an amount equal to not less than 15% of the federal funds awarded.