



**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) ANNOUNCEMENT
AND
APPLICATION AVAILABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2017
ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM
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APPLICATION PERIOD TO OPEN**

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To: Members of Congress

Ravalli County Commissioners

From: Federal Emergency Management Agency



Subject: Fiscal Year 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Application Period

Date: December 19, 2017

Comments:

This serves as notification that the application period for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) will open on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 8:00 AM (Eastern). The application period for the FY 2017 AFG Program closes on Friday, February 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM (Eastern).

Pub. L. No. 115-31 includes \$310,500,000 for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Grant Programs to assist first-responder organizations that need support to improve their capability to respond to fires and emergencies of all types under the AFG Program.

The goal of the AFG Program is to enhance, through direct financial assistance, the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all-hazard events. The AFG Program awards grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critically needed resources to protect the public, train emergency personnel, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

- Applicant tools, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity, for this program will be available at www.grants.gov and at www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program. Further, the "Get Ready Guide", available at www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/153366, may also be useful for potential applicants and is provided to answer questions and to help prepare grant applications.
- **Contact Information:** For fire departments / applicants requiring assistance please visit www.fema.gov/grants, or contact the AFG Help Desk at firegrants@fema.gov or 1-866-274-0960. For congressional inquiries, contact Chris Rizzuto at (202) 786-9450, Kennedi Greenwood at (202) 447-5848 or Laura Cirillo Edwards at (202) 212-3041.

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