
M E M O R A N D U M

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
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This memorandum is an updated overview of the current funding applications in progress and upcoming opportunities.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

In January, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a notice of funding for the upcoming round of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical training and equipment.

TPA and District staff worked to submit an application prior to the March 20 deadline that will fund an aerial apparatus. At this time, it is unknown when award announcements will be made.

Public Assistance Program

On March 22, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major declaration for the State of California.

Under California's major disaster declaration (DR-4482), the District is eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program. Under this program, certain protective measures that eligible applicants have taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials' may be eligible for reimbursement with a 75% federal share and 25% local share.

The original deadline of April 17 has been extended due to the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing major disaster. The District has submitted the required forms to the Office of Emergency Services who will administer the program in California on behalf of FEMA.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

The FEMA SAFER grant program assists local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. TPA and District staff are currently working on an application that would fund six (6) firefighters.

Deadline for applications is **May 15, 2020**. Awards will be for a maximum of **three years** of new salaries. There is a **38% match over three years** for salaries.

Assistance to Firefighters – COVID-19 Supplemental

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) is a supplemental funding opportunity under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). Activities under this solicitation are limited to the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Specific PPE funding priorities include:

- Eye Protection
- Isolation Gowns
- Protective Coveralls
- Gloves
- Footwear Covers
- Respirators
- Surgical Type Face Masks

TPA is working to submit an application which is due May 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their application decision by June 5, 2020. There is a total of **\$100 million available nationwide** and FEMA expects to make **1000 awards**, with a **15% match requirement**.

Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program is one of the three grant programs that constitute the FEMA focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S grant program accomplishes this by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

TPA is working with staff to submit an application prior to the May 29 deadline.

