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## **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

A program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: [Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\)](#), [Fire Prevention and Safety \(FP&S\)](#), and [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\)](#). The AFG Program web site at <http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program> provides more information about each of these grants and offers resources to help departments prepare and submit grant requests.

## **Citizen Corps Funding**

Fire Corps is one of the five partner programs under Citizen Corps; therefore, registered Fire Corps programs are eligible to apply for grants through Citizen Corps Councils. [Citizen Corps grants](#) are distributed at the state level and each state's grant guidelines vary. For more information on opportunities to apply for Citizen Corps funds in your state, contact your state [Citizen Corps Point of Contact](#). For more information on Citizen Corps, visit <https://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps>.

## **Federal Grants Wire**

Federal Grants Wire is a free resource to search for information about available federal grants, government grants, and loans. The site offers over 1,800 federal grant and loan opportunities, organized by sponsoring agency, applicant type, and subject area to help you find funding opportunities applicable to your program and/or agency. There is also a searchable grant directory and index. Additionally, Federal Grants Wire has multiple resources which provide information such as the definition and classifications of federal grants, [how to write grant proposals](#), [tips on applying for federal grants](#), application eligibility requirements, and more. Visit <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/> for more information.

### **1. Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property**

To assist State and local governments, and certain eligible (501(c)(3) tax-exempt status) non-profit organizations with acquiring surplus Federal real property for various public uses that benefit communities.

[Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property - Federal Grants Wire](#)

### **2. Community Facilities Loans and Grants**

To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents.

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## **FireGrantsHelp.com**

The mission of FireGrantsHelp.com is to provide first responders with a comprehensive resource for grant information and assistance. This site features an extensive database of available grants, with a library of information including federal grants as well as state, local, and corporate grant opportunities.

FireGrantsHelp.com also offers a multitude of grant assistance tools, from the '[Grants 101](#)' tutorial to a wide range of links to research and reference sites. Visit <http://www.firegrantshelp.com/> for more information.

## **Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant Program**

[Forest Fire Protection \(FFP\)](#) grants are available to Wisconsin fire departments and county/area fire associations. Grant funding is intended to expand the use of local fire departments to augment and strengthen the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) overall initial-attack fire suppression capabilities on forest fires. By May 1st each year, Wisconsin fire departments and county/area fire associations statewide are notified the FFP application cycle is open. The FFP program is a 50 percent cost-share reimbursement grant program.

**Wisconsin fire departments** - must have a signed and executed [DNR Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) for Mutual Aid and Fire Suppression Services \(Form 4300-061 R 12/11 or newer\)](#). [\[PDF\]](#) Please reference the current [MOU list](#). [\[PDF\]](#)

### **FFP Annual Timeline**

<b>May 1st</b>	Application period begins
<b>July 1st</b>	Applications due
<b>October 1st</b>	Awards announced and grant projects begin
<b>October 15th</b>	Signed grant agreements due
<b>April 15th</b>	Grant projects end and reimbursement requests due

## **Local, State, and National Foundations, Businesses, and Benevolent Organizations**

Many local, state, and national organizations provide grants to support various causes in their communities. Donations vary from cash to in-kind services and can provide the support your Fire Department needs to administer or expand its services. For instance, a local screen-printing store may

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donate t-shirts or services to supply uniforms for your members or a local awards shop may sponsor awards for outstanding volunteers in your program. Often you can gain support from local businesses simply by asking.

Examples:

Utility Companies, Electrical Co-operatives, Insurance Agencies/Companies, Tribal Nation Charities, Medical Facilities, Wellness Centers, Civic Organizations such as Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs.