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## State Farm® Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program

### 2025 APPLICATION GUIDANCE

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Below is guidance to help your department prepare for the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program grant application. The 2025 application period will be open for 3 days only, from June 4-6, so departments are encouraged to gather the necessary information and supporting documentation needed for the application in advance. A total of 150 departments will be selected to receive a \$10,000 grant to purchase equipment. Find additional application resources, including a list of eligible items, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and more, at [www.nvfc.org/statefarm](http://www.nvfc.org/statefarm).

#### APPLICATION PERIOD

Open for 3 days only! Application form will be available from 12:00am ET on June 4 through 11:59pm ET on June 6 at [www.nvfc.org/statefarm](http://www.nvfc.org/statefarm).

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the grant, departments must meet the following criteria:

- This grant must be used for eligible fire department equipment.
- Department must be over 50% volunteer; paid on-call is considered volunteer.
- Department must serve a population of 25,000 or less.
- Department must be located in the U.S. and legally organized under state law.
- Revenue for the department's most recently completed fiscal year must not have exceeded \$250,000.
- Department must demonstrate a need for the grant by indicating what the funds will be used for and articulating the impact this grant will have on the department and community.
- Department must be willing to share a department photo or video and publicize the grant award. The NVFC will provide sample promotional tools and templates to help.
- Department must report back within four months on how the grant funds were used.
- Only one application will be accepted per department; any subsequent applications received for that department will be ineligible.
- 2024 recipients are ineligible to apply in 2025.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Information needed to complete the application will include, but is not limited to:

### Contact Information:

- Two different individual points of contact (POC) that represent the department are required; one of those contacts must be the chief. The primary POC will be the person to receive all communications about the grant.

### Department Details

- Department's information, such as formal name, phone number, address, web site, and social media pages.
- Population served (input in the form of a number, e.g. 7,500). Departments serving more than 25,000 population are ineligible for this grant.
- Area served in square miles (input in the form of a number).
- Average number of annual calls (input in the form of a number).
- Average type of annual calls (e.g. medical, structural fires).
- Number of active VOLUNTEER and PAID firefighters in the department (input in the form of a number for each); paid-per-call firefighters are considered volunteer. Departments must be over 50 percent volunteer to be eligible for this grant.
- Level of training your firefighters receive (e.g. Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2).
- Department's annual revenue and expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year (input in the form of a number for each, e.g. 150,000). This should be from the fire department's budget only. Annual revenue must not exceed \$250,000 to be eligible for this grant. Refer to the [FAQs](#) for specific information about department revenue and expenses.

### Written Responses

- List the item(s) you intend to fund or purchase if you receive a \$10,000 grant. Provide a breakdown of cost(s) for each applicable item. [View a list of eligible items.](#) (100 words or less)
- Describe your department and community. What is your department achieving in your community? What hazards does your department respond to? Are there any special demands or needs required to serve your community? (300 words or less)
- Tell us why your department needs this grant. What specifically will you use this grant for? How will this grant enhance your department's safety, operations, and response? If you are awarded the grant, how will it benefit your department and community? (300 words or less)

### Supporting Documentation

- One file upload will be available to attach any supporting documentation.

## **🔗 EXPECTATIONS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS**

If selected to receive the grant, the department must:

- Be willing to share a department photo or video and publicize the grant award. The NVFC will provide sample promotional tools and templates to help.
- Report back within four months on how the grant funds were used (financial summary, outcomes, successes, and lessons learned/recommendations).

## **🔗 CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Shirley at [lori@nvfc.org](mailto:lori@nvfc.org) or 202-887-5700 ext. 125.



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### 2025 ELIGIBLE ITEMS

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Below is a list of equipment items that are eligible to fund or purchase with the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. This list is NOT inclusive of all eligible items but provided to offer guidance and direction based on past recipient requests and current industry needs. You can see what previous recipients purchased with the grant from the [2024 grant infographic](#) and also read about the 2024 recipients [here](#).

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#### LIST OF ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT

Eligible items include, but are not limited to:

##### Air Supply and Monitoring:

- Accountability tags/systems, personal alert safety system (PASS) devices
- Compressor motors, fill stations
- Gas/CO meters
- Respirator fit testing machines
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

##### Communications and Technology

- Antennas, mounts
- Chargers/batteries
- Command boards
- Drones
- Pagers, radios
- Tablets, computers
- Thermal imaging cameras

##### Decontamination and Safety

- Decontamination equipment (showers, tarps, pools, hazmat cleanup kits)
- Gear extractor/cleaning and drying equipment (including plumbing, electrical)

## **Fire Suppression**

- Fire blankets
- Hoses, nozzles, hose cleaning equipment
- Portable extinguishing systems
- Skid units
- Water supply and drafting equipment (water tanks, strainers, siphons)

## **Medical Equipment**

- Cardiac and monitoring equipment (defibrillator, heart monitor)
- Medical kits (first aid bags, rapid intervention team [RIT] packs, suction units)
- Rehab and support supplies (tents, misting fans, hydration systems, chairs, cots, warming/cooling systems, thermal blankets or wraps)

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- Turnout coats and pants, gloves, boots, hoods, helmets, shields, masks (structural, wildland, vehicle, hazmat, search and rescue, water rescue are all eligible)
- Safety vests

## **Power and Lighting**

- Headlamps, flashlights, spotlights, scene lighting
- Portable generators and battery systems

## **Search and Rescue/ Water Rescue**

- Inflatable boats or rafts
- Personal floatation devices, floatation rings, and buoys
- Related PPE (wetsuits, drysuits, helmets, gloves, boots)
- Rescue boards, sleds, or stretchers
- Ropes, harnesses, rigging, and hardware

## **Station Support**

- Basic furnishings for readiness (benches, wall mounts, etc.)
- Storage systems, gear lockers

## **Tools and Equipment**

- Cutting tools (axes, chainsaws, wire cutters, pliers)
- Forcible entry and utility tools (pike poles, channel locks, wrenches, impact drivers)
- Hydraulic rescue tools ("Jaws of Life" – cutters, spreaders, rams, and combination tools)
- Stabilization and scene tools (chocks, flares)

## **Ventilation and Exhaust**

- Exhaust removal system
- Fans
- Ventilation equipment

## **\$ ELIGIBLE SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT COSTS**

Additional items eligible to purchase to support your equipment include:

- Any related hardware, parts, attachments, and accessories
- Labor, installation fees
- Repairs or upgrades to existing equipment
- Sales tax
- Shipping costs
- Training for the equipment
- Used and refurbished equipment
- Warranties

## **+ OTHER ITEMS**

- The grant may also be used to complete a larger equipment purchase. For example, if the department has been raising funds for a new apparatus and only needs \$10,000 more to complete the purchase, this grant can be used to meet that goal. **Important note:** the grant must be spent within four months of receiving the funds, so the remaining funds required to complete the purchase must already be in hand.
- This grant is not intended to support ongoing fundraising efforts for equipment or be held for future use. The grant cannot be used toward loan repayments or debt reduction.

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