

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**Deadline:** 12/20/2024 at 5 PM ET**Anticipated Funding Selection Date:** No later than April 30, 2025**Period of Performance:** 24 months**AFG Proposal****West Monroe Funding Request***

Federal	225,000.00	30.8%
Applicant	504,495.00	69.2%
Total Project Cost	729,495.00	100%

Based on E-One Pumper Quote*Cost Sharing Requirements:** Equal to not less than 15% of the federal funds awarded**Estimated Number of Awards:** 2000**Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$291,600,000**Estimated amount per award:** Approximately 145,800**Project Description**

The West Monroe Fire Department seeks funding to purchase a new E-One rescue pumper to replace an outdated truck. The federal grant request for this project amounts to \$225,000, which will be supplemented by a cash contribution from the City of West Monroe totaling \$504,495. This brings the project's overall budget to \$729,495. This combined effort will enhance our emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety of our community.



Grant Program Summary:

The FY 2024 AFG Program has three activities:

- Operations and Safety;
- Vehicle Acquisition; and
- Regional Projects.

Each activity has its own requirements. These requirements are outlined in [AFG NOFO](#) (starting on pg. 60)

Vehicle Acquisition (pg. 79 in NOFO)

Vehicles purchased with AFG Program funds must be compliant with NFPA 1900 (Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Fire) or equivalent (Standard for Automotive Ambulances). Leases, loan payments, or installment plans to obtain a vehicle are not eligible acquisition activities under the AFG Program and will not be reimbursed.

Compliance with Standards

- Ambulances must comply with NFPA 1900, or GSA Federal Standard KKK-A-1822F
- Applicants must certify that unsafe vehicles will be permanently removed from service if awarded a grant; acceptable uses of unsafe vehicles include farm, nursery, scrap metal, salvage, construction, or donation to a foreign entity
- Applicants should consider adopting the principles of Traffic Incident Management Systems (TIMS); the USFA report on TIMS can be found on FEMA's website at: [Traffic Incident Management Systems](#)
- New fire apparatus must be compliant with NFPA 1900 for the year ordered/manufactured

Additional Considerations (to include, but not limited to)

- Age and mileage of the vehicle being replaced; older equipment receives higher consideration
- Age of the newest vehicle in the department's fleet that is like the vehicle to be replaced
- Average age of the fleet; older equipment within the same class
- Call volume of primary first due response area or region
- Converted vehicles (with an emphasis on tanker/brush trucks) not designed or intended for use in the fire service departments that have automatic aid agreements, mutual aid agreements, or both; a converted vehicle is any vehicle that is not engineered to an NFPA standard, or not being used for its original design, or over its gross vehicle weight
- Vehicles on loan to the organization in the application narrative but not in the organization's inventory
- Damaged vehicles and out of service vehicles in the organization's inventory



IMPORTANT

Performance Bond Strongly Recommended: Performance bonds are strongly recommended but not required by the AFG Program. This is for any organization that is going to advance its own funds to their vendor prior to receipt of the vehicle. The bond may be obtained through the vendor or bank. The concept behind this is to ensure the applicant's funds are not lost in the event of a vendor's failure to perform, e.g., not finishing or delivering the vehicle, or going out of business.

Prepayment Bond Required: AFG Program vehicle recipients are required to obtain a prepayment bond if the recipient plans to advance federal funds to their vendor for a down payment. This is to safeguard the federal funds against loss if the vendor goes out of business or fails to deliver the vehicle. Prepayment bonds may be obtained through the vendor or bank. The cost of a Prepayment Bond is a reimbursable activity under a vehicle acquisition award.

Penalty Clause Required: All contracts for any AFG Program-funded vehicle must contain a penalty clause. Non-delivery by the contract's specified date, or other vendor nonperformance, will require a penalty that is no less than \$100 per day until such time that the vehicle, compliant with the terms of the contract, has been accepted by the recipient.

Audits: Non-federal entities, other than for-profit subrecipients, that expend \$750,000 or more in federal awards during their fiscal year must have a single or 52 program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with Subpart F. 2 C.F.R. § 200.501. A single audit covers all federal funds expended during a fiscal year, not just FEMA funds.

Merit Review Criteria:

There are six narratives that must be addressed in the application:

- Critical Infrastructure;
- Financial Need;
- Organization/Community Description;
- Project Description;
- Cost/Benefit; and
- Statement of Effect

Of these sections, Financial Need, Project Description, Cost/Benefit, and Statement of Effect are scored at Peer Review Panel. Each of the four sections represents 25% of the peer review panel score, which is averaged with the electronic pre-score to establish the final score.