

A Guide for Securing Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds for a Training Management System



The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFGP) funds critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel, enhance efficiencies and support community resilience. This program is comprised of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grants and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants. The Administering Federal authority is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The following categories are eligible for AFG funds:



Data Collection & Records Management



Interoperable Communications



Emergency Response & Public Safety



Response Vehicle



EMS & Trauma Equipment



Technology & IT



Fire Suppression



Town, City or County Government



Hazmat & CBRNE Response



Information Sharing & Systems Integration



Training & Continuing Education

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“Across the state, challenges to the division include budgeting, maintaining a sufficient level of readiness, and having the right technology, as well as hardware resources needed to be able to respond to specific training requests as they occur. Acadis enables us to quickly implement new training, provide a platform for computer-based testing, and ensure Missouri’s first responders are up to date on their certifications by collecting and reporting required data.”

Tim Bean

Missouri State Fire Marshal

[Link To News Release Here](#)

Six Tips for Crafting a Successful AFG Grant

1.

Conduct a risk assessment and identify critical gaps in your training processes and infrastructures that impact your firefighter readiness.

2.

Align your risk assessment findings and remedies with the requested items in your AFG grant.

AFG funds should align with a detailed list of items and services that are included in your grant application. Request a thorough quote from your vendor(s) before submitting your application and include the following:

3.

- Training software subscription fees
 - Professional services to implement and train administrators, proctors, and other users on the software system
 - Server hardware and set-up services
 - Laptops, tablets, and/or other hardware that will be used in your academy, field training, and testing programs. Include associated items, like portable cases to protect the hardware when transporting, hotspots to connect devices in field, and any internal IT fees that your agency will incur to implement the software.
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4.

Request a two-year AFG performance period that covers implementation ramp up and subscription costs.

5.

Vector Solutions training management systems are designed for the unique needs of fire service training and record keeping and meet multiple AFG categories, including:

- Training & Continuing Education
 - Data Collection & Records Management
 - Information Sharing & Systems Integration (if your agency has additional systems that they wish to integrate)
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6.

Include the specific software functions and problems being addressed that help remedy issues identified in your risk assessment to provide a strong justification for your request.

AFG Contact Information and Links

Application URL: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants>

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