



# REGION XII

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

LOCAL ASSISTANCE  
DEPARTMENT

# GRANT UPDATE

SERVING AUDUBON, CARROLL, CRAWFORD, GREENE, GUTHRIE, & SAC COUNTIES  
CITIES OF LINDEN, MINBURN, PERRY AND REDFIELD

## 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security has announced the availability of funding for the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The application period is now open and closes on September 9.

**As in past years, local assistance staff at Region XII Council of Governments can assist departments in our region with writing and submitting grant applications. This service is provided at no charge to the departments.** Region XII has worked with many area departments in the past to prepare and submit quality applications of which several have received funding.

Fire departments, fire districts and non-affiliated EMS organizations are eligible to apply for the competitive program. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply again in 2011. There are two categories of funding for this program. The funding categories are as follows:

**Operations and Safety:** Eligible activities include: training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and fire station modifications.

**Vehicle Acquisition:** Acquiring additional firefighting or EMS vehicles, including apparatus, or refurbishing apparatus currently owned.

Grantee Responsibilities Include:

- Provide at least a 5% local match.
- Register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database (if awarded)
- Comply with FY 2011 requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Report to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

**Additional information can be viewed at the AFG website  
at [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants).**

If your department is interested in submitting an application or if you have questions regarding this program, please contact any of the following local assistance staff at the COG at 712-792-9914 or via e-mail. **Please respond prior to September 1 if you would like assistance with your application.**

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