



REGION XII

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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DEPARTMENT

GRANT UPDATE

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

Fire Station Construction Grants

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided the Department of Homeland Security with \$210,000,000 to fund the construction and modification of fire stations. This competitive program will be administered by the Assistance to Firefighters Program Office. The application period is now open and applications will be accepted until July 10.

Similar to the AFG Program, 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.

The Fire Station Construction Grant Program has two equally high priorities:

- **Replace unsafe or uninhabitable structures regardless of whether the project calls for the construction or a new building or rehabilitation of an existing structure.**
- **Fund projects expanding fire protection coverage to meet increased service demand in compliance with NFPA 1710 or 1720.**

The next priority is to fund projects modifying or expanding existing structures to provide sleeping quarters for full-time occupancy. A slightly lower priority is to fund modifications or expansions to accommodate support functions communications. **The lowest priority is to fund projects replacing or expanding habitable structures that are cramped or inefficiently configured for operation.**

There is no cost-share required under the Fire Station Construction Program. However, the willingness or ability of a community to contribute to the project is a desirable attribute.

Additional information can be viewed at the AFG website at www.firegrantsupport.com.

If your department is interested in submitting an application or 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 June 26 if you would like assistance with your application.**

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