

# Get Ready for the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The FY 17 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application period will be announced soon pending Congressional action on S. 829 which extends the AFG program. As this application window will likely be 30 to 45 days, you should prepare now to develop a competitive application. To assist with this process and to make sure you are eligible to apply, you should start by taking these initial steps:

- **SAM.gov registration:** Update you city's SAM.gov registration. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually. Incomplete or inactive SAM.gov registration will automatically disqualify your fire department.
- **Complete a Needs Assessment:** Review your equipment, gear, and vehicle needs and condition. The most competitive applications will have completely documented the existing condition of equipment and why your department needs to update it, or add it to your inventory.
- **Obtain an informal cost quotation.** Please note that once awarded, a formal bidding process will need to be completed.

The FY 16 AFG program received over 10,000 applications, and only 2,079 awards were distributed.

For additional information visit the AFG website by clicking [HERE](#).

COG staff will help you prepare your application at no cost.

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.

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