

# **2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

The Department of Homeland Security has announced the availability of funding for the FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The application period will open on December 7 and closes on January 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM CST.

Fire departments, fire districts and non-affiliated EMS transport organizations are eligible to apply for the competitive program. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply again in 2014. 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.
- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration
- Register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database (if awarded)
- Comply with requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Report to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

For additional information visit the AFG website at [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants).

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.

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.

Chris Whitaker:	<a href="mailto:cwhitaker@region12cog.org">cwhitaker@region12cog.org</a>
Fred Kesten:	<a href="mailto:fkesten@region12cog.org">fkesten@region12cog.org</a>
Lauren Subler:	<a href="mailto:lsubler@region12cog.org">lsubler@region12cog.org</a>