

Fire Departments Impacted by Hurricane Sandy May Be Eligible for FEMA Public Assistance Grants

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Washington, DC - Fire departments that experienced the loss of or damage to emergency facilities, emergency vehicles, firefighting equipment, and other emergency equipment or personal protective gear due to Hurricane Sandy may be eligible to receive FEMA Public Assistance funds to aid their recovery. FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program provides assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged fire stations, as well as emergency equipment, gear, and emergency vehicles.

FEMA's Public Assistance personnel will meet directly with fire department personnel to help them identify eligible damages, work, and associated costs and to facilitate the grant application process. Public Assistance grant funds will cover at least 75 percent of the eligible costs. Assistance also may be available for hazard mitigation measures to protect damaged facilities against future disasters.

Maximizing the Federal Funding Available

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program will coordinate award information with the Public Assistance Grant Program to ensure that Federal funding support is maximized and not duplicated. Every effort will be made to ensure that the Hurricane-impacted fire departments that have submitted successful AFG applications receive their equipment or vehicle awards in a timely manner while avoiding any duplication or reduction of the additional support that may be available through the Public Assistance Grant Program.

For More Information

- Visit FEMA's Public Assistance Grant web page at <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>.
- Review the Frequently Asked Questions About FEMA Public Assistance Grants at <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-frequently-asked-questions>.
- Contact: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Public Assistance Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington DC 20472. Telephone: (202) 646-3057, FAX: (202) 646-3363.