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SFM Grants & Loan Overview

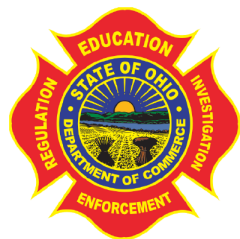
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SFM GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Division of State Fire Marshal offers several funding opportunities to support Ohio's fire service organizations:

- Small Government Revolving Loan Program

Supports major equipment purchases, construction, or renovation of fire department facilities

- Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant

Assists departments with purchasing MARCS-compatible radios, systems, and services.

SFM GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Fire Training Reimbursement Grant
Reimburses costs for approved fire service training courses and required training materials. Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant.
- Equipment Grant
Provides funding for PPE, SCBA, communications equipment, and eligible miscellaneous items.
- Firefighter I Training Grant
Funds chartered training programs to deliver Firefighter I and Firefighter I Transition courses at no cost to students.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

- Fire departments that provide primary fire protection to an area with a permanent population of 25,000 or less qualify for these grants.
- Follow fire incident reporting requirements for the timeframe listed in the application.
- If applicable, be compliant with the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependency Fund requirements outlined in Ohio Revised Code 146.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible recipients for SFM grants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Volunteer Fire Department

Must be organized by a township or municipal corporation under sections Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) §§ 505.37, or 737.21.

At least one-half of the firefighters are volunteer firefighters.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible recipients for SFM grants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Fire Department

Must be organized by a township or municipal corporation under R.C. §§505.37, or 737.21

Must serve one or more small municipal corporations or small townships.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible recipients for SFM grants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Joint Fire District

Must be organized under R.C. §§505.371 or 505.375.

Must primarily serve small municipal corporations and/ or small townships.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible recipients for SFM grants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Local Government Operating a Fire Department

A township or municipal corporation providing fire protection services that is responsible for one of the following:

A volunteer fire department under R.C. §§ 505.37, or 737.21 in which at least one half of the firefighters are volunteer firefighters; OR

A fire department under R.C. §§ 505.37 or 737.21 that serves small municipalities or small townships; OR

A portion of a joint fire district comprised of volunteer departments that primarily serves small municipalities or small townships.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible recipients for SFM grants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Local Government Contracting for Fire Protection Services
 - Small municipalities or small townships contracting with a private fire company or another unit of local government for fire protection services.
 - Local governments that operate their own Fire Department are not included in this category.
- A private fire company is not eligible for any SFM grants or loans. The local government may receive the grant funding, and the equipment and/or services may be used by the private fire company as part of its contracted services.

SMALL GOVERNMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

- Created by the General Assembly to assist local governments in funding certain fire department major related expenses.
- A revolving loan can be used to expedite the purchase of major firefighting, rescue, or EMS equipment.
- It can also be used for the construction or renovation of fire department buildings.
- Revolving Loan application opens mid July and closes beginning of September each year.
- Maximum of \$600,000 available for all applicants.

MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (MARCS) GRANT

- Made available to assist fire departments to purchase systems, equipment, and/or services for MARCS operated by State of Ohio.
- Base radio costs are limited to \$3,000 per radio.
- MARCS Grant application opens mid-September and closes at the end of October each year.
- Maximum of \$4,00,000 available for all applicants.

FIRE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

- Reimbursement is available for specific fire training classes.
 - All State of Ohio Fire Service Certification Courses
 - Specific training taken at the Ohio Fire Academy
- Maximum reimbursement for each course is provided in the application.
- Includes the costs of training manuals and student workbooks.
- Training grant awards are subject to availability of funds.
- Grant application opens in mid-December and closes mid-January each year.
- \$500,000 in available funding.

EQUIPMENT GRANT

- Allows fire departments to purchase equipment in the following categories:

PPE

SCBA

Communications

Miscellaneous Items

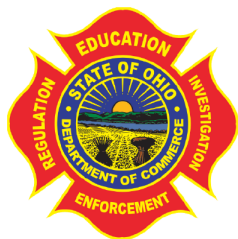
- Each department can request up to \$15,000 in equipment.
- Equipment Grant application opens the beginning of December and closes at the end of January each year.
- Maximum of \$2,00,000 available for all applicants.

FIREFIGHTER 1 TRAINING GRANT

- This is the only grant not available to fire departments or municipalities.
- Provides funding to Chartered Fire Training Programs in Ohio.
- This funding pay for the costs of providing Firefighter 1 or Firefighter 1 Transition certification course by these charters.
- Goal is to ease the burden of costs associated with training firefighters for local governments.
- Grant opens near the beginning of each State Fiscal Year, mid-July.
- \$1,000,000 in available funding, provided on a first come, first serve basis.

QUESTIONS?

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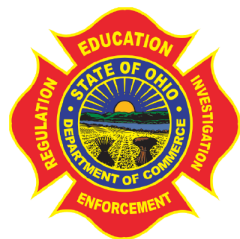
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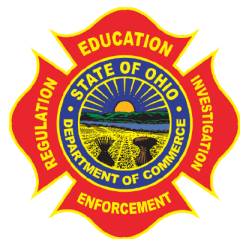


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