

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4399-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2018-0001]

Florida; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida (FEMA-4399-DR), dated October 11, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued October 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 11, 2018.

Calhoun, Gadsden, Jackson, and Liberty Counties for Individual Assistance (already designated for debris removal and emergency protective measures [Categories A and B], including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program).

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050 Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID: FEMA-2018-0008]

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grant application and application deadline.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, the Administrator of FEMA is publishing this notice describing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program application process, deadlines, and award selection criteria. This notice explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the national fire service leadership during the annual meeting of the Criteria Development Panel, which was held January 17, 2018. The application period for the FY 2018 AFG Program began September 24, 2018 and closes October 26, 2018, and was announced on the AFG website at: <https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>, as well as at www.grants.gov.

DATES: Grant applications for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program are accepted electronically at <https://portal.fema.gov>, from September 24, 2018 through October 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Branch, DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, 3N, Washington, DC 20472-3635.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Patterson, Branch Chief, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Branch, 1-866-274-0960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AFG Program awards grants directly to fire departments, non-affiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for the purpose of enhancing the health and safety of first responders and improving their abilities to protect the public from fire and fire-related hazards.

Applications for the FY 2018 AFG Program will be submitted and processed online at <https://portal.fema.gov>. Before the application period started, the FY 2018 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was

published on the AFG website. The AFG website provides additional information and materials useful to applicants including Frequently Asked Questions, a Get Ready Guide, and a Quick Reference Guide. Based on past AFG application periods, FEMA anticipates the receipt of 10,000 to 15,000 applications for the FY 2018 AFG Program, and the ability to award approximately 2,500 grants.

Congressional Appropriations

For the FY 2018 AFG Program, Congress appropriated \$350,000,000 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 Pub. L. 115-141). From this amount, \$315,000,000 will be made available for AFG awards. In addition, Section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2229), requires that a minimum of 10 percent of available funds be expended for Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S). FP&S awards will be made directly to local fire departments and to local, regional, State, or national entities recognized for their expertise in the fields of fire prevention and firefighter safety research and development. Funds appropriated for FY 2018 will be available for obligation and award until September 30, 2019.

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 further directs FEMA to administer these appropriations according to the following requirements:

- *Career fire department:* Not less than 25 percent of available grant funds.
- *Volunteer fire department:* Not less than 25 percent of available grant funds.
- *Combination fire department and departments using paid-on-call firefighting personnel:* Not less than 25 percent of available grant funds.
- *Open Competition (career, volunteer, and/or combination fire departments and departments using paid-on-call firefighting personnel):* Not less than 10 percent of available grant funds awarded.
- *Emergency Medical Services Providers including fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations:* Not less than 3.5 percent of available grants funds awarded, with nonaffiliated EMS providers receiving no more than 2 percent of the total available grant funds.
- *State Fire Training Academies:* Not more than 3 percent of available grant funds shall be collectively awarded to State Fire Training Academy applicants, with a maximum of \$500,000 per applicant.
- *Vehicles:* Not more than 25 percent of available grant funds may be used for