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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP ON FEDERAL FUNDING RESOURCES

The Appalachian Regional Commission will be joining with the U.S. Department of Transportation to sponsor a technical assistance workshop on federal funding resources at Marshall University in Huntington, WV on Tuesday, August 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature opening remarks from Earl Gohl, ARC Federal Co-Chair and Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at DOT, followed by in-depth technical assistance and Q&A from subject matter experts on DOT's upcoming TIGER grants, Federal Transit opportunities and the short-line rail program. HUD will also be on the panel to discuss their upcoming Regional Planning Grants. [Here is the draft agenda.](#)

There is no charge for the workshop. Please email Patrick Donovan (pdonovan@njrati.org) at the Rahall Transportation Institute at Marshall University if you plan to attend and feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone that might be interested.

THE 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM GUIDANCE IS AVAILABLE

The open application period will run from August 15 – September 9, 2011. FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. If your department or agency has critical needs, AFG can help.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR AFG?

Paid, volunteer and combination fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations from urban, suburban, and rural communities in the U.S. and its territories.

WHAT DOES AFG SUPPORT?

- Firefighting and EMS equipment
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Fire and EMS vehicles
- Training programs
- Wellness and fitness programs
- Modifications to facilities

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

- Funding priorities have been categorized as: High, medium and low. Use the priority system to increase your chances of winning an award.
- AFG has added new items/activities eligible for funding in 2011: Behavioral health programs, boats under 20 Ft., and extended warranties.
- Flashover simulators are not eligible for funding.
- Applicants may apply for more than one vehicle. However, driver/operator training/certification is required in order to receive a vehicle award

WHERE DO I APPLY?

Learn more about AFG and start your application online at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

NEED HELP? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AFG RESOURCES

AFG offers a variety of assistance to ensure that deserving applicants are successful:

- View an AFG Application Tutorial - **Coming Soon!**
- Review the AFG Program Guidance and Application Kit: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/afggrants/documents.shtm>
- Download the Get Ready Guide: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>
- Call or email the Help Desk: 1-866-274-0960 or firegrants@dhs.gov
- Contact your Regional Representative: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/contact.shtm>
- Review applicable NFPA standards: <http://www.nfpa.org/nfpaafg2011>

NEW THIS YEAR: GRANT RECIPIENTS MUST REGISTER IN THE CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (CCR) SYSTEM

As of August 2010, prime recipients of Federal grants are required to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system. As a potential grantee you are not required to register, but you may wish to do so now in case you receive an award. **CCR registration will be required if you are selected for an award.**

How to register:

Obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. If you already have a DUNS number, skip to #2.

Once you have a DUNS number, register here: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>.

For more information on grantee registration in the CCR system, download the AFG Get Ready Guide or visit their website: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/grantees.aspx>

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

AFG program staff will be available to answer your questions at the following events:

IAFF Redmond Symposium

August 14-18, 2011

Roundtable Workshop: Wednesday 8/17/2011, 3:30-5:00 pm

"Writing Winning Grants: Fire Act, AFG SAFER and Beyond"

<http://www.iaff.org/Events/2011Redmond/>

Fire-Rescue International

August 23-27, 2011 (Exhibits: August 26 & 27)

Georgia World Congress Center

Booth 71

Workshop: Friday, 8/26/2011, 10:30-12:00pm Room B407

Session WK109 "Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program"

<http://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/iafc/fri11/Public/MainHall.aspx?ID=2514>

2010 AUDIT

OVRDC'S 2010 audit has been completed and can be found [here](#). For future reference it can be found at our website www.ovrdc.org