
MEMORANDUM

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
Date: April 2, 2020
Subject: Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District— March 2020

This memorandum is an updated overview of the current funding opportunities in progress.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

In January, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a notice of funding for the upcoming round of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical training and equipment.

Funding for this year is set at \$700 million. There is a requirement for cost-sharing, or a local match based on population. An applicant must provide 5% for populations under 20,000, 10% for populations between 20,000 and 1 million, and 15% for populations over 1 million. This requirement must be a hard cash match and is not required at the time of application OR at time of award. Applicants only need to show proof of submission of a cash match in close-out reports at end of first year performance period.

TPA and District staff worked to submit an application that will fund a new aerial apparatus. The original AFG application due date was March 13, 2020, however due to the COVID-19 situation the date was pushed to March 20.

Fire Prevention and Safety

FEMA was expected to release the funding opportunity for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program in the next few months. However, as the lead agency dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak, the release of this program will be sometime in unforeseen future. The FP&S Grant Program provides financial assistance to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.

Public Assistance Program

Under this program, certain protective measures that eligible applicants have taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials' may be eligible for reimbursement with a 75% federal share and 25% local share. Additionally from April 1 to April 14, CalOES will also be offering twice daily procurement trainings (10am and 3pm daily) to ensure that applicants apply the federal procurement under grant standards – a requirement of receiving FEMA Public Assistance to help pay for the cost of responding to the COVID19 Pandemic.

Initial requests for assistance, must be submitted to CalOES by **April 17, 2020**

FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS

Firehouse Subs restaurants has founded a public safety foundation to enhance the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives, of first responders and communities. The foundation provides grant funding for lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, disaster relief, as well as support for military veterans. TPA will work with Chief Macumber on an application that will offset the cost for new LUCAS devices for the fire engines.

Grants are due quarterly and the next application period closes on May 13, 2020.

