

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshop

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER), and Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S).

These grants are made directly to local fire and EMS agencies to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS agencies. In 2008 some \$737.5 million was awarded to more than 6,000 agencies across the nation. In some grants, no local match is required. You can read more about the program at www.firegrantsupport.com.

Each year workshops are conducted to review the changes in the program and assist department prepare competitive applications. A representative from the Grant Program Office will discuss 2010 grant goals for the AFG, SAFER and Fire Prevention grants as well as details of the application and tips on how to write a competitive application. The workshop session is free to all participants and will include ample time for questions. If you have questions about the workshop you may contact Diane Breedlove at diane.breedlove@associates.dhs.gov or call 512 392-2511. No advance registration is required.

The following workshops are being conducted in South Texas:

March 15, 1:00 PM, Alamo Heights City Council Chambers, 6116 Broadway, San Antonio
March 15, 6:00 PM, Workforce Center, 613 West Main St., Crystal City
March 16, 1:00 PM, Pharr Fire Department, 118 S. Cage Blvd., Pharr
March 17, 9:30 AM, Bellaire Convention Center, 7008 S. Rice Avenue, Bellaire
March 17, 2:00 PM, Bennette Fire Department, 16504 Mystic Ridge Ct., Conroe
March 17, 7:00 PM, Tomball Public Works Dept., 501 James Street, Tomball
March 30, 6:30 PM, Boerne Community Center, 820 Adler Street, Boerne
March 31, 10:00 AM, Leander Fire Department, 201 North Brushy, Leander
March 31, 7:00 PM, Cuero Fire Department, 219 E. Main Street, Cuero

Other Texas workshops include:

March 16, 6:30 PM, Bridgeport Civic Center, Bridgeport
March 18, 6:30 PM, Greenwood Rural Fire Dept., 1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford
March 20, 10:00 AM, Trinidad VFD, Trinidad Community Center, 213 Front Street, Trinidad
March 22, 1:00 and 6:30 PM, Panhandle RPC Boardroom, 415 W. 8th, Amarillo
March 23, 1:00 and 6:30 PM, South Plains Assn. of Governments, 1323 58th Street, Lubbock
March 25, 6:30 PM, Monahans Education Center, 813 S. Alice, Monahans
March 26, 1:00 PM, Concho Valley COG, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo
March 30, 6:30 PM, Nocona Fire Department, 101 Cooke Street, Nocona
March 30, 9:00 AM, Fire Station #1, 200 W. Sycamore, Aubrey
March 31, 10:00 AM, Stephenville Training Center, Clark Lane, Stephenville
April 1, 1:00 and 6:30 PM, Abilene Fire Department, 250 Grape Street, Abilene
April 1, 9:00 AM, Grapevine Fire Dept. Admin Offices, 601 Boyd St., Grapevine
April 2, 10:00 AM, Mansfield Public Safety Bldg., 1305 E. Broad St., Mansfield
April 3, 10:00 AM, Bonham Fire Department, 2509 N. Center, Bonham
April 13, 6:30 PM, Wills Point Fire Dept., 121 South Fourth Street, Wills Point
April 17, 10:00 AM, North Central Texas College, Room E5, Graham
April 19, 1:00 PM, Hillsboro Fire Dept., 110 West Franklin, Hillsboro
April 19, 6:30 PM, Mexia Fire Dept., 201 South McKinney, Mexia
April 21, 10:00 AM, Lufkin Fire Dept., 111 South Third, Lufkin
April 21, 6:30 PM, Carthage Fire Dept., 321 West Panola, Carthage

There may be a workshop closer to you and others may be added so check the latest schedule at www.firegrantsupport.com.

