

AFG Grant Award FEMA Region IV Welcome Letter

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Dear Grantee,

Congratulations on your FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) award. On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate and Region IV, we would like to introduce ourselves as your Region IV Fire Program Analyst/Specialists. We will serve as your primary points of contact for the AFG Program. Our goal is to work with you towards the successful completion of your grant award.

As part of the FY20 AFG award rollout, and for your benefit, we are offering Post Award Orientation (PAO) interview/coaching sessions with AFG recipients. This conversation is to confirm that you have an understanding of your roles and responsibilities during the 24-month Period of Performance. We will be hosting Post Award Orientation (PAO) Webinars via Zoom every 3 weeks. Invitation emails will be sent out to grantees. Although they are not mandatory, they are highly recommended for grantees that would like a refresher on proper grants management.

Recipients are encouraged to review their award package in the FEMA GO system by opening the "attachment link" and select "View Award Package." *Please review the "Negotiation Comments" in the Award Package for any changes from your original application <u>and</u> for information on the FEMA Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) requirements. *You must complete the FEMA EHP Screening Form, if applicable, and receive approval from FEMA <u>prior</u> to beginning work on any project with a possible EHP impact. <u>Failure to comply may result in funds being denied</u>.

Further guidance is provided in the current AFG FY20 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which includes an introduction of expectations: https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grants-documents. The AFG Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) web link is listed here: https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant-program-most-frequently-asked-questions.

Lastly, if you are no longer the primary contact for your organization, please contact AOR listed in your award in FEMA GO and update the contacts. We look forward to working with you to successfully implement your grant program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully, Your Region IV AFG Team

cc: Official Grant File

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