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Activity: Fire Equipment

Dear Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Applicant:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate, I would like to thank you for applying for assistance under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. Regrettably, and after careful consideration and review, your application scored outside of the competitive range to receive further consideration through the panel review process. We regret that the news could not be more favorable.

As you are aware, the AFG Program is among the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) and FEMA's most competitive grant programs. In FY 2015, FEMA received over 10,400 AFG applications, requesting more than \$2.1 billion in federal assistance. The large number of applications received and the finite amount of available funding resulted in many commendable applicants not being funded and accentuates the highly competitive nature of this program.

FEMA encourages your organization to apply for the FY 2016 AFG funding opportunities, opening later this summer. To assist you in understanding our decision and help you in preparing future applications, you can request for the AFG Program to provide your organization with a comprehensive review of your application. You will receive individualized feedback within 60 - 90 days, identifying specific feedback, as to the deficiencies within your application, as well as, several tools and resources available to help fire departments and unaffiliated emergency medical services organizations develop an effective AFG grant applications. Please use the following link to request feedback (<https://secure.firegrantsupport.com/turndown/>).

Your interest in the AFG Program reminds us that America's fire and emergency medical services organizations continue to have great need for support. FEMA and DHS will continue to work closely with and support the Nation's first responders and their vital work. Thank you again for your dedication and commitment.

Sincerely,

C. Gary Rogers
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