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Fire Station Construction Grants

FEMA: Applications being accepted June 8 to July 10

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On Friday, May 29, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a competitive grant solicitation for fire station construction grants. Funding for this grant program was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). All non-federal fire departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible to apply for this funding. Applications will be accepted between June 8 and July 10.

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Funding will be awarded for two purposes:

1. Construction of new fire stations (funds must support firefighting operations and therefore awards will not support non-fire response or business); and/or
2. Renovation of fire stations to enhance response capacity or firefighter safety.

Construction of any facilities other than fire stations (e.g., structures for training or emergency operations centers) is not eligible for funding.

<u>Eligible Expenses</u>	<u>Ineligible Expenses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building construction • Environmental assessment • Building site preparation, including demolition, if necessary • Design, planning, and engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition • Cost overruns • Fire station staffing • Pre-award costs (including but not limited to design, planning, and

<p>expenses incurred <i>after</i> award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses necessary to comply with the most current edition of NFPA1500 • Expenses necessary to comply with the locally adopted building, fire, plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes. • Sprinklers or other life safety and fire protection systems • Vehicle exhaust extraction systems • Decontamination areas • Space for training (up to 600 square feet) • Space for gender-segregated sleeping • Gender-segregated restrooms • Space for exercise equipment • Kitchens • Kitchen appliances • Dining/eating area • ADA compliance • Gear racks, storage and shelving for gear/equipment • Internet cabling • Energy conservation systems (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - LEED™) • Renewable energy for HVAC and power systems • Other expenses detailed in the grant guidance 	<p>engineering expenses incurred <i>prior</i> to award)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant writing fees • Space for public use (ballrooms, community meetings, fund raising) • Furnishings (including office/training equipment) • Exercise equipment • Firefighting equipment • Personal protective equipment • Washers/extractors • Apparatus • Vehicle mounted exhaust extraction systems • Landscaping • Security systems • Decorative items (curtains, wall hangings, etc.) • Projects that duplicate any other Federal awards • Demolition costs not related to the funded project
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ARRA directs FEMA to limit the funding for any one grant to \$15.0 million per award. In order to maximize the benefits of the stimulus funding, FEMA will also impose a \$5.0 million funding limitation on each project within an application. There is no limit to the number of projects that can be included in an application as long as no one project exceeds the \$5.0 million limit and the total request does not exceed the \$15.0 million limit. In instances where an applicant submits a request with multiple projects, each project will be considered in all levels of the evaluation of the application – preliminary review, the panel review, and the subsequent technical reviews.

To read the full grant solicitation and access the application go to http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/arra/fy09_arra_fsc_guidance.pdf

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