

Ohio Fire and EMS Grant Resources

There are numerous ways to obtain funding or grants for your EMS department. The possible resources listed below are constantly changing. Grants offered from a funding source are usually for a specific project the granting agency believes is important. These important priorities will change over time, making most funding sources only temporary. Grants should always be viewed as an extra or a gift, and never be used as a primary funding source. Searching for external funding sources can be a time consuming and frustrating activity. No one ever gets everything for which they apply. Do not get discouraged by rejection. Each rejection is an opportunity to learn why your application was rejected and help you learn how to write a better grant proposal.

The Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services is one of the few states that offer funding on an annual basis specifically for EMS agencies. The additional resources listed below serve as a road map to help give you ideas on where to look for funding as well as some resources that will help with the grant writing process. Since priorities for funding are constantly changing it is advised that you visit the funding agencies website for the most recent grant information.

Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services Training and Equipment Grant

The Ohio Division of EMS offers funding on an annual basis to improve pre-hospital care in the state of Ohio. Applications are due April 1st annual. Information and a list of approved equipment and training is available at www.ems.ohio.gov

Ohio Emergency Management Agency

This website offers homeland security funding and preparedness grants
<http://www.ema.ohio.gov/PreparednessGrantsBranch.aspx>

Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation

BWC uses the Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant (FEEEG) Program to partner with Ohio employers to minimize exposure to dangerous environmental elements. The program is available to eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase the following qualified/allowed items for optimal protection against these exposures.

- Diesel exhaust systems.
- Extractors/washing machines for turn-out gear.
- Hoods with barrier protection.
- Washable gloves.

As part of our Safety Intervention Grant programming, the FEEEG Program is available only to Ohio firefighter employers. Eligible employers may receive up to \$15,000 for the duration of the FEEEG Program. To be eligible, you must meet the criteria at the time of application.

[bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/firefighter-\(feeeeg\)-grant](http://bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/firefighter-(feeeeg)-grant)

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is the federal government's main source for all federal funding information and applying for all federal grants

www.Grants.gov

Ohio Fire Marshal's Office

The Ohio Fire Marshal's office offers grant funding to Ohio fire services for firefighter training, equipment, and data reporting as well as offering a loan program to small governments. The training offered through the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office is for fire operations only and does not include EMS. <https://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/grants.aspx>

Ohio Division of Forestry's Rural Community Fire Protection Grant

This grant is for communities with a population under 10,000, and may be used for the formation of new fire departments, Marcs radios, federal surplus firefighting apparatus and personal protective gear. forestry.ohiodnr.gov/firedepts

U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA

This site contains information on financial assistance available from the U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA for fire departments and other first responders, including the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the State Fire Training Systems Grant.
fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters

U.S. Rural Development Program

Provides grants and low interest loans for fire, rescue and police operations to communities with a population of less than 20,000. <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs>

Firegrantshelp.com

This website is sponsored by a corporation and is affiliated with the Journal of Emergency Medical Services. This site claims to be the ultimate grant resource guide. Here you can find national information, as well as a state by state breakdown on funding programs available to fire services. Ongoing articles and assistance with grant writing and resources for preparing the Assistance to Firefighters application. A list of corporate grants available state by state is also included. www.firegrantshelp.com

EMSgrantshelp.com

This website is the same as above, but is specifically for EMS funding. Also includes state by state funding links, corporate funds available and helpful hints for Assistance to Firefighter Grants
www.emsgrantshelp.com

GuideStar.org

The Ohio Attorney Generals office is currently not publishing the Charitable Foundation Directory of Ohio which listed over 2,000 Ohio charitable foundations. Local libraries may have a list of local charitable organizations. GuideStar is a non-profit organization that acts as a clearinghouse for charitable organizations. Their Grant Explorer feature requires a paid subscription and allows the activity of both grant makers and grantees. <http://www.guidestar.org/>

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Hazardous Materials Grant

The PUCO awards grants for the training of public safety and emergency services personnel in the proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials spills and releases that occur during transportation. Grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis. Although grants may be awarded to educational institutions and state agencies, first priority is given to political subdivisions. If political subdivisions contract with outside consultants or institutions to conduct the training programs for them, the political subdivisions will be charged with the responsibility of ascertaining the accountability of the consultants or institutions.

Note: Applications are reviewed quarterly but can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/puco-forms/hazardous-materials-training-and-planning-grants-program-forms/>

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Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grants Announcement

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. <https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant>

State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company Grants

State Farm makes it their business to be like a good neighbor, helping to build safer, stronger and better educated communities across the United States. Nationally, State Farm supports communities through social investments and countrywide relationships. At a local level, grants focus on three areas: safety, education, and community development.

Funding is directed toward:

- Auto and roadway safety.
- Teen Driver Education.
- Home safety and fire prevention.
- Disaster preparedness.
- Disaster recovery.

<https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships/company-grants>

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grants

In 2005, Firehouse Subs created the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through their non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs has given \$17 million to hometown heroes in 44 states and Puerto Rico. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is dedicated to improving the life-saving capabilities of first responders and public safety organizations in communities served by Firehouse Subs. For more information, visit www.FirehouseSubs.com/Foundation.