



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT COVID-19 ASSISTANCE GRANT

Governor JB Pritzker and Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez are pleased to announce an innovative funding opportunity specifically addressing Illinois fire departments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) will be available to assist approximately 80 impacted fire departments that operate in diverse communities throughout the state. Under this *one time* grant opportunity, eligible Illinois fire departments could receive up to \$15,000 in order to make up for lost donation revenues stemming from their inability to host local fundraising events during the periods of quarantines occurring in 2020. These fundraising events include pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, and pay for necessities like fuel for fire trucks, utilities, and insurance.

In order to be eligible for the assistance grant the applying fire department must:

- 1) be an Illinois *combination* or *volunteer* fire department;
- 2) operate within a jurisdiction with a population at or less than 7,500 people;
- 3) have an *approved* annual budget at or less than \$150,000;
- 4) have an OSFM Fire Department Identification Number (FDID); and
- 5) be current with their National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) reports at the time of application.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is pleased to collaborate with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) who will empanel a special committee to review the grant applications utilizing a blind review needs based analysis. The OSFM will facilitate and directly oversee the distribution of the grant awards to the lucky recipients. This grant is financed through the Illinois Fire Prevention Fund, a non-general revenue fund that is supported primarily by a 1% assessment of the gross fire risk premium receipts of all insurance companies operating in the state.

All grant applications must be *received* by **August 13, 2021**.

The application review process will begin on **August 23, 2021** and end on **September 3, 2021**.

Grant recipients are expected to receive awards by **October, 2021**.

Here is a link to the Illinois Fire Department COVID-19 Assistance Grant application:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/CurrentFocus/Documents/Fire%20Department%20COVID-19%20Assistance%20Grant%20Application.pdf>