FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

Any organization or agency around the world that supports fire prevention can apply for an FM Global Fire Prevention Grant; however, funds must be used for public purposes. Additional terms and conditions may apply for applicants based in the United States, Canada and other countries.

What can I apply for?

Funding requests will be considered to help support organizations working to combat fire for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts. Here are some examples to use as a guide: Prefire Planning (computer software programs, laptops)

Fire Prevention Education/Training (community outreach initiatives, workshops, publications)
Arson Prevention/Fire Investigation (juvenile firesetter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, accelerant detection equipment)

What can I not apply for?

Funding requests for salaries, motor–powered vehicles (fire apparatus, automobiles), building projects, and equipment or training related to fire suppression, for example, will not be considered. In addition, service contracts on equipment and software, equipment for incidents related to hazardous material, carbon monoxide detectors and CPR equipment/training do <u>not</u> fall within the scope of the fire prevention grant program.

What are the qualities of a successful application?

Applications that clearly demonstrate a need for funding whose use will have a significant impact on preventing fire loss are acceptable. It is also important to provide plenty of detail and documentation in your application to support your request.

How much should I apply for?

Although there is no limit on how much funding you can apply for, this grant program is designed to provide seed money to help support your fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts.

Do I need to provide matching funds?

Matching funds are not required, but sometimes only partial funding of a request will be awarded. Applicants may need to contribute additional funds to supplement their award. You may only be able to purchase some of the items or may need to look for a less expensive model of the product you applied for.

How are decisions made about my grant?

All grant applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of a diverse group of FM Global property loss prevention experts and members of the public fire service community—to ensure funding is awarded where it will make the most difference.

What is the deadline for submitting my application?

Grant applications are reviewed three times per year. Deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31, July 31 and November 30. Decisions on awards are made approximately 3 - 4 months after deadline.

When can I reapply for funding?

Previous grant recipients may reapply for funding three years from the date of their initial award letter. For applications that did not result in a grant award, applicants may reapply for funding one year from the date of their notification letter.

Eligibility Requirements

For applicants based in the United States:

Applicants must be a governmental unit of a city, town, county, state, commonwealth, the District of

Columbia, possession of the United States, the United States itself or any political subdivision as described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code or a 501(c)(3) or (4) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code.

For applicants based in Canada:

Applicants must be a governmental unit of a city, town, county, province, territory, Canada itself, or any political subdivision thereof or a registered charity under Section 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act of Canada.

For applicants based in any country other than the United States and Canada:

Applicants must demonstrate that their organization operates exclusively as a fire service unit, or a national, state, regional, local, or community organization that supports fire prevention under the laws of the country in which the organization is located.

The laws and customs applicable to the grantee organization must not permit any of its income or assets to be distributed to, or applied for the benefit of, a private person or non—charitable organization other than pursuant to the conduct of the grantee organization's fire prevention activities, or as payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or as payment representing the fair market value of property which the grantee organization has purchased.

The grantee organization has no shareholders or members who have a proprietary interest in the income or assets of the organization.

The laws and customs applicable to the grantee organization do not permit the organization, other than as an insubstantial part of its activities to engage in activities that are not for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes; or to attempt to influence legislation, by propaganda or otherwise.

Previous Grant Recipients

Ludlow Fire Department - US\$2700 - Funding awarded towards the purchase of three ASUS two in one laptop/tablets.

South Milwaukee Fire Department - US\$2000 - Funding awarded towards the purchase of 100 10-year smoke detectors with sealed batteries.

Town of Pomfret Fire Marshal - US\$2042 - Funding awarded to purchase a digital camera with accessories, laptop and printer.

City of Conover Fire Department - US\$2000 - Funding awarded towards the purchase of fire investigation equipment, a digital camera and 2 iPads.

Roseville Volunteer Fire Department - US\$2042 - Funding awarded to purchase fire prevention materials for school children and smoke alarms for community.

Town of Spencer Fire Department - US\$2500 - Funding awarded towards the purchase of a laptop and software.

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