



**Office of the State Fire Marshal
Kansas Firefighter Recruitment & Safety Grant
(KFRSG)
Overview & Application Information
FY2022**



Purpose

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is providing no-match grants to volunteer/part-time fire departments across the state for personal protection equipment (PPE). This includes bunker or wildland gear (coat, pants, helmet, gloves, hood and boots) and new masks for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for department members.

Fire departments, especially small rural volunteer departments, are struggling with the recruitment and retention of fire fighters because they don't have funding to provide safety equipment. This leaves potential volunteers with not only donating their time but faced with providing their own safety gear or doing without.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an established and recognized Kansas volunteer/part-time fire department in good standing with OSFM on the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) or a volunteer firefighter in good standing with their local fire department. Departments must also participate in the Comprehensive Resource Management & Credentialing System (CRMCS).

Grant Schedule

- October 1, 2021 Applications are due in our office no later than 4 pm.
- November 30, 2021 Awards will be announced, by this date or sooner.
- March 31, 2022 Requests for reimbursement due in our office no later than 4 pm.

Eligible Expenses

Firefighter Safety Equipment Examples

- Bunker or Wildland Gear – including coat, pants, hood, boots, gloves, and helmet
- SCBA mask – based on documented need
- All gear/equipment must meet or exceed current NFPA standards
- All gear/equipment would become property of the requesting department and not of the individual for who it was requested

Application

Submission Instructions

- A completed KFRSG application must be submitted prior to the deadline and contain all information requested.
- Submit by the deadline of October 1, 2021, applications are due in our office no later than 4 pm.
- Neither purchases nor verbal/written contract obligation can be made prior to the date of the grant award.
- The request must meet the stated guidelines of the grant.

Submission Checklist

- Complete entire KFRSG grant application and justification information, and submit –required.
- Submit a minimum of two vendor quotes, to include shipping, for all equipment items requested – required.

Reimbursement Process

Firefighter Safety Equipment

- The department orders, pays for and receives the approved equipment
- The department submits to OSFM no later than March 31, 2022:
 - W-9
 - Itemized invoice(s)
 - Packing slip(s)
 - DA-130 Form
- OSFM reimburses the department for costs up to the approved amount

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