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FEMA to award Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction grants

The purposes of the FY 2009 ARRA Station Construction Grants (SCG) are to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and to achieve other purposes stated in the Act. SCG also aims to achieve Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

Non-Federal Fire Departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

Awards are limited to a maximum of \$15 million statutorily. Program Guidance limits funds for each project within a grant application to \$5 million. No allocations are made within the total appropriation to new construction versus renovation – each will compete for grant awards on the same funding priorities and rating criteria. Application reviews will begin in late August or early September. Estimates of the number of applications received will vary from a few thousand up to 8,000. The number of awards is estimated to range between 60 and 80.

Contact Information: The FY 2009 ARRA PSGP, TSGP, and FSC Guidance and Application Kits are located online at www.fema.gov/grants and www.grants.gov.