

FY 2018 SAFER OVERVIEW

- The FY 2018 SAFER application period will open on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. ET and will close on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. ET.
- \$345 million available; Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments are eligible to apply.
- FEMA [Webinars](#) Wednesday 2/20 and Thursday 2/28 at 2:00 p.m. ET
- The primary assignment of the SAFER-funded position (more than 50%) must be fire suppression, which includes staffing a fire suppression vehicle, regardless of collateral duties, in support of the department's NFPA 1710 or NFPA 1720 compliance.
- Grant will fund 75% of entry level pay and benefits for Year 1 and 2, and 35% in Year 3.
- Grant funds can only be used to hire personnel at the entry level fire fighter base pay and benefits rate.
- The requested positions cannot be employed at the time of award.
- No lay-offs permitted during period of performance.
- No obligation to retain the SAFER-funded positions beyond 3 year Period of Performance.
- [FEMA Technical Assistance Tools:](#)
 - SAFER Application Checklist, Economic Hardship Waiver Information Bulletin (IB)
- [IAFF Grants Department Assistance](#)
 - SAFER Grant Guidance Document, Paper Application, and Sample Narratives Available
 - Please contact Ron Benedict firegrants@iaff.org or 202-824-1575 with questions.