



**SFY 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
Fire Protection Grant (FPG)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

Grant Issued By:

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Grant Issued Through:

Missouri Department of Public Safety

Assistance Listing:

21.027

Funding Opportunity Title:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) – Fire Protection Grant (FPG)

Introduction:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for the ARPA SLFRF Fire Protection Grant (FPG). This state administered, but federally funded program, is made available through the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through Missouri House Bill 3020 Section 20.150.

Program Description:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) collaborates with state and local fire protection entities to provide a proactive approach for the public safety of Missourians.

The purpose of the ARPA SLFRF FPG is to provide grant funding for fire protection entities for fire protection/service activities. Fire protection entities include fire departments as defined in [section 320.200\(3\) RSMo](#) as an agency or organization that provides fire suppression and related activities, including, but not limited to, fire prevention, rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous material response, or special operation to a population within a fixed and legally recorded geographical area. The term fire department shall include any municipal fire department or any fire protection district as defined in [section 321.010 RSMo](#), or voluntary fire protection association as defined in [section 320.300 RSMo](#), engaging in this type of activity.

Period of Performance: 5 months

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: 12/01/2022

Projected Period of Performance End Date: 04/30/2023

Funding Instrument: Grant

Maximum Award: \$20,000.00 Federal share per applicant agency

Match Requirement: 50% Cash (Hard) Match or In-kind (Soft) Match

For example, if the total cost of the project is \$40,000.00, the subrecipient match share of 50% would be \$20,000.00 and the federal share of 50% would be \$20,000.00.

In-kind (soft match) must be directly related to the project and may be retroactive to March 2020.

Local ARPA funds may be utilized to match ARPA SLFRF FPG funds.

Eligible Applicants:

Missouri fire protection entities

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To be eligible for ARPA SLFRF FPG funding, the applicant agency must be compliant with the following statutes:

- [Section 320.271 RSMo](#)– Fire Department Registration**
Pursuant to [section 320.271 RSMo](#), All fire protection districts, fire departments, and all volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300 shall complete and file with the state fire marshal within sixty days after January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, a fire department registration form provided by the state fire marshal.

Ineligible Applicants:

- Agencies that are not fire protection entities as defined in [section 320.200\(3\) RSMo](#).
- Agencies that are not compliant with the above listed statutes
- State agencies

Eligible Cost Items:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety's objective in awarding ARPA SLFRF FPG funding for fire protection entities is to support fire protection/service activities in the state of Missouri. Eligible costs may support personnel, benefits, travel/training, equipment, supplies, and/or contractual expenses. Some equipment items related to fire protection/service activities have specific requirements to be eligible for funding. Those with specific requirements are listed below. Please note, the items listed below are not the only eligible equipment items.

Turnout Gear

Agencies seeking funding for turnout gear must have a policy to document cleaning and maintenance processes and procedures for turnout gear. Subrecipients of funding for turnout gear must supply the Missouri Department of Public Safety with a copy of such policy(s) and procedure(s) at the time of claim submission.

Interoperability Equipment (Portables/Handhelds, Mobiles, Repeaters, Base Stations, etc.)

Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable [SAFECOM Guidance](#). All radios must meet the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement (CJ/LE) Unit, Office of Homeland Security (OHS) [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). The Missouri Interoperability Center (MIC) will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). Applications that do not meet these guidelines will not be eligible for funding.

NOTE: Agencies seeking any type of radio or radio-related accessory are encouraged to contact the Missouri Interoperability Center by phone at (573) 522-1714, (855) 466-7946 or by email at moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov to ensure compliance with the Radio Interoperability Guidelines and the appropriate communication devices are purchased for the department's needs. The Missouri Interoperability Center staff can also provide helpful information regarding the department's ability to access the MOSWIN and how to articulate such within the grant application.

Unallowable Cost Items:

- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Less Lethal Weapons
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Corporate Formation
- State and Local Sales Taxes
- Aircraft

- Military-Type Equipment
- Interoperability equipment that is not compliant with the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN) and Radio Interoperability Guidelines.

Application and Submission Information:

- 1. Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System:** <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>
- 2. Key Dates and Times**
 - a. Application Start Date:** November 4, 2022
 - b. Application Submission Deadline:** December 5, 2022
- 3. Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award**

By submitting an application, applicants agree to comply with the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the award, should they receive an award.

A PowerPoint with instructions on how to apply through the WebGrants System will be available on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website, at the following link under Grant Applications and Forms, ARPA SLFRF FPG
<https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/grantstraining/>.

As part of the ARPA SLFRF FPG application, eligible applicants must complete all application forms and provide all required documentation:

- 1. Contact Information Form**
- 2. Project Form**
- 3. Interoperable Communications Form**
- 4. Budget**
- 5. Named Attachments**
 - a. Audit/Financial Statement (REQUIRED)**
 - b. Federal Fund Schedule (REQUIRED, if not included in Audit)**
 - c. Quote or Cost Basis**
 - d. Turnout Gear Maintenance Policy**
 - e. Other Supporting Documentation**
 - f. Other Supporting Documentation**

Contact Information:

Additional information and resources can be located on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website: <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/grantstraining/>.

WebGrants System, application submission site: <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

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