

2004 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Program

Frequently Asked Questions

From the Office of Domestic Preparedness – Department of Homeland Security

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Application Questions

Can I insert a picture or graph into my narrative?

No. Photos, charts, graphs, or other computer graphic files (.jpg, .gif, etc.) may not be imported into your application.

Can I print and mail an electronic application?

No. We do not accept any printed versions of the electronic applications that are mailed in.

Can I type my narrative using word processing software and paste it into the space allowed for the narrative portion of my grant?

Yes. However, remember that only five pages are allowed, and any graphics, tables, or other text enhancements (bullets, etc.) may not transfer to the text box area provided in the application.

Can I use my password from a prior grant application in my 2004 application?

Yes. It is preferable that you use the same password and identifiers in the 2004 application, especially if you won an award in a prior program year.

Can we use Fire Grant Funds to hire personnel?

No. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will not fund firefighter positions, however, fire departments may use funding to pay personnel expenses necessary to complete a program that begins and ends during the grant year. Examples include positions to train firefighters or to organize an inspection program.

Does the application software have a time-out feature?

Yes. The application will time-out after 30 minutes with no activity. So, if you haven't clicked on a "save and continue" icon or clicked on another link for 30 minutes, the application session will end and all unsaved data will be lost.

How will I know if my electronic application was received?

Applicants will receive a confirmation screen upon submitting the application and will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of the submitted application.

If I do not have access to a computer, will I still be able to apply?

We strongly encourage applicants to apply online. All you need is Internet access from any PC. Because you will get a username and password, you can log in from anywhere and work on the application. You can save it and return later to continue working on the application from any computer that has Internet access.

If you must apply by paper, we will not score and evaluate a paper application any differently than one submitted via computer. Call our Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 to request that a paper application be mailed to you. And remember, the online deadline for applications is April 2, 2004, but applications submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2004, or received

by us on or before close of business (5 p.m. EST) on April 2, 2004. We will not accept late or incomplete applications.

Is there a notification that our grant application has been received and is being considered?

Yes. When you apply electronically, you will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of your grant application. If you apply using a paper application, you may only receive confirmation of receipt if you send your application using a private courier or a return receipt requested via the U.S. mail.

What are the hardware (system) and software requirements for accessing and filing the FY 2004 grant application online?

Most computers will work with the application without difficulty if they have access to the Internet and have a Web browser installed. Both Netscape and Internet Explorer Web browsers will work if they are version 4.0 or higher.

What is a "DUNS Number"? Do I need one?

Yes, you need a DUNS Number. In FY 2004, OMB is requiring all applicants to obtain a nine-digit code called a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number. Obtain your DUNS Number as soon as possible to avoid last minute delays and possible loss of an opportunity to obtain a grant. Applicants should use the **toll-free number (1-866-705-5711)**, not the Web-based request process. It may take as much as 30 days to receive one via the Dun & Bradstreet Web site. If you are using the same tax ID number as your city, may use your city's DUNS Number also.

When can I apply?

From March 1, 2004 until 5 p.m. EST on April 2, 2004.

When I apply, do I have to provide my bank account number to apply for a grant?

Yes. You must provide your bank account number and routing number for our records and to facilitate funds transfer if you receive an award. The ODP Web site is on a secure server. Applicant information is not released to anyone. We must have a current routing number. If you are concerned about security, contact the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960.

When I go to the Web site for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, how do I reach the application page?

In the left side of the screen you will see "Firefighter" and "Mitigation." Click on "Firefighter," and that will take you directly to the application for our grant.

When is the grant application due?

The application deadline is April 2, 2004. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. EST. Applications received after the close of the application period will not be accepted.

When will I hear about the disposition of my application?

Award packages are sent electronically to the grantees. As a courtesy to Members of Congress, we provide advance information about awards, so that, at their discretion, they can inform their constituents prior to our official notification. We expect that the issuance of award decisions on all applications will continue through most of the rest of the calendar year 2004. Decisions on applications that cannot be supported with grant funds are also issued in batches and electronically throughout the year. If electronic notification is ultimately unsuccessful, we will send the applicant a letter of notification.

Where can I obtain technical assistance in filling out the application?

There is a Help Desk and toll-free information line available for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960. Normal business hours for the Help

Desk are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. During the application period, the calling hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST, and on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. On one Sunday, March 28, the hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This number will also accept voice-mail messages after hours, on weekends, or if the line is busy. Questions may also be sent to a toll-free fax line, 1-866-274-0942, or e-mailed using our feedback form. You may also e-mail questions to USFAGRANTS@DHS.GOV.

If you are a new applicant, a PowerPoint slide presentation is available for download on the ODP Web site (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp). The presentation covers all aspects of the program and gives detailed guidance on preparing and completing the online application.

An online tutorial also is available to assist applicants in completing the automated application. This tutorial explains the application screens, provides tips for navigating the application screens, and summarizes the changes in the grant program that are new in FY 2004. The tutorial also provides a review of the lessons learned in the FY 2003 grant program.

Minimum requirements for running the tutorial:

Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 5.0

IBM-compatible PC with Intel® Pentium® II processor, 400MHz or faster

Operating System: Windows 98, NT 4.0, 2000, ME, or XP;

64 MB RAM

56K modem

24X CD player

Where do I send a paper application?

Applications must be received at the address below by the deadline of 5 p.m. EST, April 2, 2004:

USFA Grant Program Technical Assistance Center
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-8998

Faxed applications will not be considered. To meet the deadline, mailed applications must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2004, or otherwise received by 5 p.m. EST on April 2, 2004. Remember to send the application early enough to ensure that it is received by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2004.

Will ODP fax or e-mail to me a copy of the application form?

No, we will not fax or e-mail an application. If an applicant does not have access over the Internet to the ODP Web site, the applicant may contact us directly to request a copy via mail. Those applicants interested in receiving an application in the mail can phone 1-866-274-0960.

How can I change the personal contact information on my grant?

To update personal information such as alternate contact names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or change password, grantees should log into their grant and at the Status screen click on "Edit Profile," which is located at the upper middle part of the screen. The page that comes up has personal information that should be updated if it has changed. Type in the updated personal information and click on Save at the bottom of the page. A note will come up reading, "Your profile has been updated. Thank You."

You might think you're done at this point, but you're not! You must log out of your application for the new information to take effect. To do this, click on the "Authorized Applications" link on the upper left-hand side of the "Thank You" page, and then click on "Firefighter's Grants" on the new

page so that the new information will be set and updated.

How do I gain access to my department's application when I'm the primary contact and I don't know the username and password (i.e., lost password, previous contact is no longer available)?

Send a letter explaining the need to change the main contact information. The letter must be on fire department letterhead and signed by the Chief of the department. The letter should be addressed to the Fire Grants Program Office, Vicki Wade, 500 "C" Street SW, Room 330, Washington DC, 20472. The following information must be included on the letter:

- Grant Number
- Previous Main Contact Person's Name
- Explanation of why access to the grant is needed
- New Contact Person's Name
- New Contact Person's Mother's Maiden Name
- Date of Birth
- E-mail Address
- Two Phone Numbers

Please note: This information can only be changed by authorized personnel.

Operations And Firefighter Safety Program

Are EMS equipment and training eligible?

Applicants can apply for training and equipment within the training and equipment activities under the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. Ambulances are not eligible within this program area. All vehicles, regardless of function, must be requested in the Firefighting Vehicle Program.

Are technical rescue equipment and training eligible?

Yes, technical rescue equipment and training should be applied for in the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program.

Are thermal imaging cameras considered basic firefighting equipment?

While we can make the case that thermal imaging cameras are necessary for basic firefighting capabilities, there are no trade standards or Federal regulations requiring that firefighters have thermal imagers with them while engaged in firefighting activities. Applicants requesting thermal imagers must indicate that these devices have no statutory basis.

Do all requests for SCBA have to be CBRN-certified?

No. CBRN-certified SCBA is eligible but not necessary to accomplish the missions of the majority of our Nation's fire departments. Applicants that are seeking funding for CBRN-certified SCBA must explain the need for such equipment in their narrative.

What are the priorities for personal alert safety system (PASS) devices? Will stand-alone PASS devices that comply with the automatic activation feature be eligible?

ODP will give priority to applications with integrated or automatic-on PASS devices over applications with nonintegrated PASS devices.

Any PASS device that is NFPA-compliant is eligible. However, integrated or "automatic" PASS devices will be rated higher than PASS devices, which must be manually activated.

What are the priorities for the delivery of training?

Priority 1: Tested training (instructor-led and leading to State or national certification). Examples: classroom setting with instructor, in-house or offsite training, and interactive or real-time training

Priority 2: Instructor-led or guided (no testing component or certification). Examples: in-station training (simulations, drills, etc.), self-guided classes (workbooks, CDs, etc.).

Priority 3: Other training and training-related equipment. Examples: videos, multimedia presentations, and equipment (projectors, computer-training software, etc.)

What are the training priorities for 2004?

For all communities, the following are examples of high priority training courses:

- Basic training
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety officer
- WMD preparedness

Examples of secondary priority training courses for all communities include the following:

- EMT-P
- Rescue technician (NFPA 1006)
- Technical rescue (NFPA 1670)
- Airport firefighting (NFPA 1003)

High priority training courses for departments in rural communities include the following (not in order of priority):

- Firefighter I and II (NFPA 1001 and 1002)
- Hazardous Materials Operations (NFPA 472)
- Rapid Intervention Team training
- First responder, EMT-B, and EMT-I

Examples of high priority training courses for urban and suburban communities include the following (not in order of priority):

- Hazardous materials technician
- Fire inspector
- Fire investigator

When requesting breathing apparatus, how many SCBAs should I request for our firefighters?

The number of breathing apparatus needed for entry into environments immediately dangerous to life or health is directly linked to the number of firefighters who are trained and certified to conduct fire suppression or entry operations. Firefighters who are not trained and certified to conduct operations in these environments should not be issued breathing apparatus. For many departments, this equates to the number of firefighters that they could reasonably expect to show up at an event, i.e., the shift on duty.

With the changing technology in communications, why are cell phones not allowed in the AFG Program?

There are several issues with allowing cell phones in the grant program. Under traditional means, they are not normally used for emergency communications. They are considered an ancillary device that may assist a fire department member for personal communications, but it is not the primary means for emergency communications, especially at a fire scene. There is also the issue of multiyear use agreements for cell phones, which is at odds with the fact that the program has a performance period of one year.

The AFG Program will accept applications that include the 800 MHz trunked radio systems and wireless technologies in support of interoperability. As with all grant requests, the burden is on the applicant to provide justification for the cost-benefit of this type of request. If awarded, a technical review will be conducted to ensure the system requested meets the state and local interoperability requirements.

Other Definitions

How do you determine whether you are a volunteer, combination, or career department?

A volunteer fire department is composed entirely of members who do not receive compensation other than a length of service retirement program (LSOP) and insurance. A career department is a department in which all members are compensated for their services. A combination department has at least one volunteer, with the balance being career members; or one career member with the balance being volunteers. Also, if a volunteer fire department provides stipends to their members or provides "pay-on-call" for their members, the department is considered to be combination.

What is the definition of interoperability?

Interoperability is described as fire department technology, equipment, programs, and/or procedures that give the department the capability of operating with a variety of other departments and/or communities within a region, and/or with Federal and State agencies.

Eligibility

Am I eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program are limited to fire departments of a State as defined herein, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A "fire department" is defined as an agency or organization that has a formally recognized arrangement with a State, local, or tribal authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression services to a population within a fixed geographical area. The Alaska Village Initiative, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Alaska, shall also be considered eligible for purposes of receiving assistance under this program on behalf of Alaska Native villages.

Can an independent rescue squad or emergency medical services unit apply?

No. Ambulance services, rescue squads, auxiliaries, dive teams, urban search and rescue teams, fire service organizations or associations, and State/local agencies such as a forest service, fire marshal, hospitals, and training offices are not eligible for this program.

Can my fire department partner with other fire departments to submit requests in two or more different programs?

Each fire department can apply for a grant in only one program area, and each application from a fire department will be evaluated independently. If one fire department will assume the

responsibility for managing the grant and obligating their organization for the matching funds requirements, then it is acceptable for a fire department to submit one application for more than one department. It should be noted, however, that the fire department(s) who are partnering with the "host" department are eligible to apply for their own specific needs but will not be eligible to apply for the same equipment on a grant separate from the joint grant application.

Can the grant funds be used to pay for items that are ordered prior to notification of an award?

Under no circumstances will expenses incurred prior to the application period be considered. The grant will not cover the costs of vehicles, equipment, or projects that were initiated, ordered, or received prior to submission of your application. Grant funds may not be used to pay off existing loans.

If an applicant has purchased an item(s) that was included in their grant application after submittal, but before award, those costs may be eligible for the grant. ODP would consider each request on a case-by-case basis.

Does an applicant have to use local funds to meet the match requirement?

No. Any non-federal funds may be used for the match requirement. State, local, private, or private nonprofit funds may all be used to meet match requirements. Of course, federal funds may not be used to meet matching funds requirements, regardless of the source, unless there is legislative authority for the federal funds to "lose their federal identity" once placed in local hands. One example of this presently is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If I have received funds from other Federal sources, am I still eligible to apply?

Applicants who meet the definition of a fire department and receive funding through other Federal grants, memorandums of agreement, or other contracts, remain eligible, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Our program will not fund activities funded by other Federal agencies.

If my department received one or more grants in a prior year's program, are we still eligible to apply?

Departments that received grants in FY 2001, FY 2002, and/or FY 2003 are eligible to apply. Departments that have been awarded vehicle grants in previous years are not eligible for a vehicle award in 2004. Applicants should indicate if their request builds upon the program awarded in a prior year. Prior performance may be considered during the award process.

Is a paid-on-call department considered to be a career department or a volunteer/combination department?

A paid-on-call department is considered a combination department.

May I apply for more than one grant? May I request items from more than one program area?

No. Applicants may submit only one application in one of three grant program areas. Applicants may apply for any number of items or activities within one chosen program area. Below are the three grant program areas for 2004:

1. Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. Eligible activities are Training, Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, Wellness and Fitness, and Modifications to Fire Stations and Facilities.
2. Fire Prevention Program. Eligible activities include but are not limited to Public Education and Awareness, Enforcement of Fire Codes, Inspector Certification, Purchase and Installation of

Smoke Alarms, and Arson Prevention and Detection.

3. Firefighting Vehicle Program. Eligible apparatus include but are not limited to pumpers, brush/attack units, tanker/tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam trucks, and fireboats.

What are the requirements for matching funds?

Fire departments in areas serving populations over 50,000 must agree to match the Federal grant funds with an amount of non-Federal funds equal to 30 percent of the total project cost. Fire departments serving areas with a population of 50,000 or less will have to match the Federal grant funds with an amount of non-Federal funds equal to 10 percent of the total project cost. All cost-share contributions must be cash. No "in-kind" contributions will be considered for the statutorily required cost-share. No waivers of this requirement will be granted except for fire departments of Insular Areas as provided for in 48 U.S.C. 1469a.

Will preference be given to those who applied for fire grants last year and didn't receive them?

No. We will view all applications as new grant proposals, requiring the applicants to demonstrate financial need, cost-benefit, and a project that closely matches the grant priorities. Prior awards may affect an applicant's ability to demonstrate financial need. We will let the peer review panelists determine what affect prior years' awards have on a current application.

Letters Of Support

Where should I send letters of support from the community, political leaders, and others for my department's application?

Letters of support should be sent to the following address:

C. Suzanne Mencer, Director
Office for Domestic Preparedness
Department of Homeland Security
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

Firefighting Vehicle Program

Can I buy a tow-vehicle with grant funds?

Tow vehicles for fire prevention programs, e.g., for a fire safety trailer, may be eligible as a transportation expense if adequately justified in the proposal, but such transportation expenses will be limited to \$6,000 per year.

The tractor and trailer can be considered as separate single units, or the combination of the tractor -trailer may be considered as a single unit, depending upon local need and the ability to justify the request. However, no more than \$6,000 per year can be expended for the procurement of the tractor.

What types of costs are eligible under the Vehicle Program?

Travel costs to visit the vehicle manufacturer to inspect a piece of fire apparatus may be eligible. This could be added to your budget by clicking on "Add Additional Funding" on the Request Details screen on the automated application and entering your costs on the "travel" line. If you're

filling out a paper application, add the costs to the total budget under "travel." In either case, you must explain the costs in your narrative.

Equipment that is included in NFPA 1901 is considered an eligible request. For EMS transport vehicles, the minimum equipment required by the applicant's State Emergency Medical Services is considered an eligible request. All costs should be explained in the narrative portion of your application. Be advised that any requests must be reasonable and that all costs requested will be taken into consideration when the application is assessed.

National Fire Incident Reporting System

Can I apply for an AFG Program grant and the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program?

Yes. You are eligible to apply for both grants, however; the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program should not be a substitute for applying for fire prevention activities through the competitive grant. The priorities for the Fire Prevention and Safety grants focus on national programs and innovative local programs, not local basic prevention needs.

Can I get reimbursed for costs associated with submitting information to NFIRS?

Yes. If you are not currently reporting to NFIRS, new costs associated with this activity may be included in the applicant's administrative costs. The anticipated cost should be included in the budget and explained in the program narrative. Applicants should be aware that administrative costs will be taken into consideration in the evaluation process with respect to cost-benefit. Therefore, excessive charges to administrative costs may result in a lower rating in the evaluation of the application.

How can I get information about NFIRS?

Call the NFIRS help desk at 1-888-382-3827

Scoring, Grant Writing, and Awards

Are there targeted funding amounts for the three program areas?

It is ODP's intent to fund the best applications regardless of the program area with the following legally required exceptions: (1) not more than 25 percent of grant funds can be used to purchase firefighting vehicles, and (2) at least 5 percent of funds must be expended on fire prevention programs.

Do I need to hire a professional grant writer to complete an application?

No, the online application is designed to be straightforward and user friendly. There are a number of help buttons and pull-down screens that will clarify items on the application. The application is also designed to prevent incomplete or inaccurate applications from being submitted. Anyone with basic computer skills and knowledge of the fire service should be able to complete and submit an application. In addition, panels of your peers will review competitive applications. Therefore, your applications simply need to be written in a manner that your colleagues can understand.

How are the grant applications scored?

In the first phase, each application will receive a numerical score based on the applicant's response to the activity-specific questions. Applications will then be rank-ordered, and the most competitive applications will be forwarded for review by a technical application panel comprised of

peer fire service professionals. The panel will evaluate the narrative portion of the application and will assign a numerical score based upon the project description, cost-benefit statement, and the financial need of the applicant.

How will the determination for an award be made?

In selecting applications for award, we will use the established applicant eligibility criteria, program priorities, the financial needs of the applicant, and an analysis of the benefits that would result from the grant award.

In the initial screening of the applications, every application will be evaluated based on the answers to the activity-specific questions. The applications that most closely address the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program's established priorities will be deemed to be in the "competitive range" and subject to a second level of review. This second level of review is conducted using technical review panels (made up of individuals from the fire service or fire service organizations) that assess the application's merits with respect to the detail provided in the narrative about the project, the applicant's financial need, and the project's benefit to be derived from the cost. At least three technical evaluation panelists will independently score each application and then discuss the merits and shortcomings of the application to reconcile any major discrepancies. A consensus on the score is not required. The scores of the panelists will be added together, and then divided by the number of panelists to arrive at the final score of the application. The highest scoring applications will then be considered for award. We will provide equal consideration to applications in each evaluation phase, regardless of the program for which the request was submitted, or the number of activities requested.

The law requires a specific distribution of grant funds between career departments and combination/volunteer fire departments. Specifically, we must ensure that fire departments that have either all-volunteer forces of firefighting personnel or combined forces of volunteer and career firefighting personnel receive a portion of the total grant funding that is not less than the proportion of the U.S. population that those departments protect. According to a survey by the NFPA, volunteer and combination departments protect 55 percent of the population of the United States, and career departments protect 45 percent of the population. To fulfill our obligations under the law, we may also make funding decisions using rank order as the preliminary basis then based on the size and character of the community a department serves (urban, suburban, or rural), and the geographic location of the fire department. In instances in which we make final decisions by including geographic location, we will use States as the basic geographic unit.

Will there be any partial funding of grants?

Applications will be scored based on their entire request. We anticipate that the majority of grant awards will be for the funding level requested, provided that all items requested are eligible and meet the priorities of the program. In some cases, it may be necessary to negotiate the final grant award with an applicant. This will be accomplished on a case-by-case basis. We reserve the right to adjust any request, in whole or in part, that we deem to be excessive or otherwise contrary to the best interest of the program.

New In 2004

Is funding available for construction?

No. However, renovation expenses to an existing facility are allowable if they involve only the minor interior changes necessary to fulfilling their scope of work and costing less than \$10,000. Renovations must be in support of the associated activity or program.

What is the difference between a fire station modification and a renovation?

A **renovation** is a minor change in an existing facility that must be tied to one of the activities listed in the program guidance, i.e., the renovation must be necessary for the successful completion of the grant project and may not exceed \$10,000. For example, a renovation may include the work necessary to install a SCBA compressor, which might include an upgrade in the electrical service and the construction of a partition wall, or the renovation of a spare room to create an exercise area.

A **modification** is a more complicated or overreaching change in the fire facility than a renovation. Modifications typically involve changes to the entire facility if not the majority of the facility. This year, we are only allowing certain modifications that are geared toward protecting the health and safety of firefighters. The specific modifications that are eligible in this year's program are the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system; a fire alarm and detection system; a vehicle exhaust removal system, and a stationary or fixed emergency generator. Modifications to facilities are limited to \$100,000 per station. No other activities will be funded under the Modification Activity than those listed herein.

What is the major difference in this year's program?

There are several differences in the program this year. You should consult the 2004 "Program Guidance" and/or the 2004 Final Rule that will be published in the Federal Register. The major changes are as follows:

- The EMS program has been rolled into the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. All items previously eligible in the EMS Program are now available in their respective activities under the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program.
- In the Vehicle Program, grantees who have received a grant for a vehicle in 2001, 2002, or 2003, will not be eligible for another vehicle award in 2004. The apparatus priorities and descriptions were amended in 2004. Applicants should review the Vehicle section of the Program Guidance or PowerPoint presentation for specific information regarding vehicle descriptions and priorities.
- Facility modifications are allowable in the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. As in the past, modification to facilities cannot include changes in the footprint of the structure. Applicants may not propose to go up or out with building additions. Eligible modifications to facilities include retrofitted sprinkler systems, fire alarm and detection systems in fire department facilities, vehicle exhaust extraction systems, and stationary or fixed emergency generators. Integrated communications systems (and parts thereof) such as computer-aided dispatch, base stations, repeaters, etc., are eligible. However, no construction of towers or buildings to house communication equipment are allowed.
- Grant writer fees are eligible, however, they cannot be contingent upon award. All fees for grant writing must be paid prior to award, i.e., within 60 days of the close of the application period.

What items are eligible for WMD preparedness?

Items for fire departments to prepare for incidents involving WMD are eligible in the Training, Equipment, and PPE activities of the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program, and in the Fire Prevention Program. Below are examples of eligible items.

- **Training:** ODP provides WMD training at the Awareness, Performance, and Planning and Management levels FREE OF CHARGE for eligible applicants. This training is listed in the ODP Course Catalog (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/coursecatalog.pdf) or may be obtained by calling the ODP Helpline at 1-800-368-6498.

Examples of WMD training include the following:

- Operations-level training
- Technician-level training

Other specialized WMD training:

- Specialist
- EMS for incidents involving WMD
- ICS for terrorism
- Mass decontamination
- Live agent
- Explosives and secondary device awareness
- Seaport
- Environmental
- Exercises/Preparedness
- **Equipment:** Tools and equipment used exclusively for WMD incidents may include items such as monitoring devices and WMD-related pharmaceuticals. Other examples include the following:
 - Detection and monitoring devices:
 - Real-time X-ray
 - Biological detection
 - Mini-cams
 - Amino Assay
 - Thermocycler biological agent detector
 - EMS: Auto-injectors
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Nationally certified WMD PPE is preferred over noncertified PPE, e.g., National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), NFPA certifications.
- **WMD-specific PPE** includes protective equipment (CBRN-certified SCBA, chemical/biological suits conforming to NFPA 1994, 2001 edition) that meets national standards for operations in incidents involving CBRN.