

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM



**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2021**

## **Program Overview:**

The Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program is established to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to qualifying departments for the purchase of *NFPA 1971, 2018 edition* **STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**. Items that are eligible to purchase include structural firefighting boots, gloves, hoods, helmets, coats, and pants. This program has been developed to approach a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments across the Commonwealth. The grant is designed to ensure that proper protective equipment can be purchased to protect those that protect us.

## **Funding:**

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be available for this application period.

## **Eligibility:**

Kentucky Fire Commission recognized fire departments that are in good standing are eligible to apply. The departments must have completed twenty hours of training with Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training during FY 21 or FY22 (including having the training scheduled through June 30, 2022).

## **Evaluation of Applications:**

Grant applications will be evaluated by a committee selected by the Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission. There will be representation that will include the members and/or staff of the Commission.

For the current application cycle, the following priorities have been determined:

- Departments without personal protective equipment for their firefighters.
- Departments with personal protective equipment greater than ten years from the date of manufacture.
- Departments with personal protective equipment that does not have NFPA 1971 labels.

Requests for equipment not on the priority list will not be considered until all applications meeting the priorities have been reviewed.

## **Review Criteria & Point System:**

Applications will be considered on a point system, outlined below:

- Equipment Need – 75 points possible
  - Considerations
    - Applicant does not have NFPA 1971 compliant personal protective equipment for their firefighters
    - Applicant has personal protective equipment that is greater than ten years old from the date of manufacture (NFPA 1851)
    - Applicant has personal protective equipment that is excessively worn, torn, and/or soiled beyond repair
    - Applicant has personal protective equipment that is greater than five years old but less than ten years old from the date of manufacture
  
- Financial Need – 25 points possible
  - Considerations
    - Applicant provides documentation that supports the financial burden imposed with purchasing needed personal protective equipment without grant funding

***Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the committee. All applications MUST be received by the deadline of December 15, 2021 and all requested information MUST be provided.***

## **Expected Award Date:**

Successful applicants will be notified by January 31, 2022.

## Recipient Requirements:

- Recipients are responsible to follow all local, state, and federal procurement requirements for purchases.
- Gear purchased must meet the requirements set forth in *NFPA 1971 Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, 2018 edition*.
- Proof of purchase shall be submitted to the Kentucky Fire Commission, 110 Cleveland Drive, Paris, KY 40361 – no later than May 15, 2022.
- Recipients agrees to submit invoice and proof of payment by stated deadline in notification of award letter.

## Grant Guidance:

Application should be filled out in full, with all sections completed.

**Equipment Need Narrative** should describe the fire department, the personal protective equipment currently in use by the department, the equipment requested, and any additional information necessary to explain why funding from the Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program is needed for your department. There should be exact details of the requested equipment provided.

**Budget Need Narrative** should describe the revenue and expenses for the department. It should detail why purchasing requested would be improbable without funding from the Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program. There should be quantities and cost estimates for the requested equipment (not to exceed \$10,000).



## FY 22 Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program Application

Fire Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

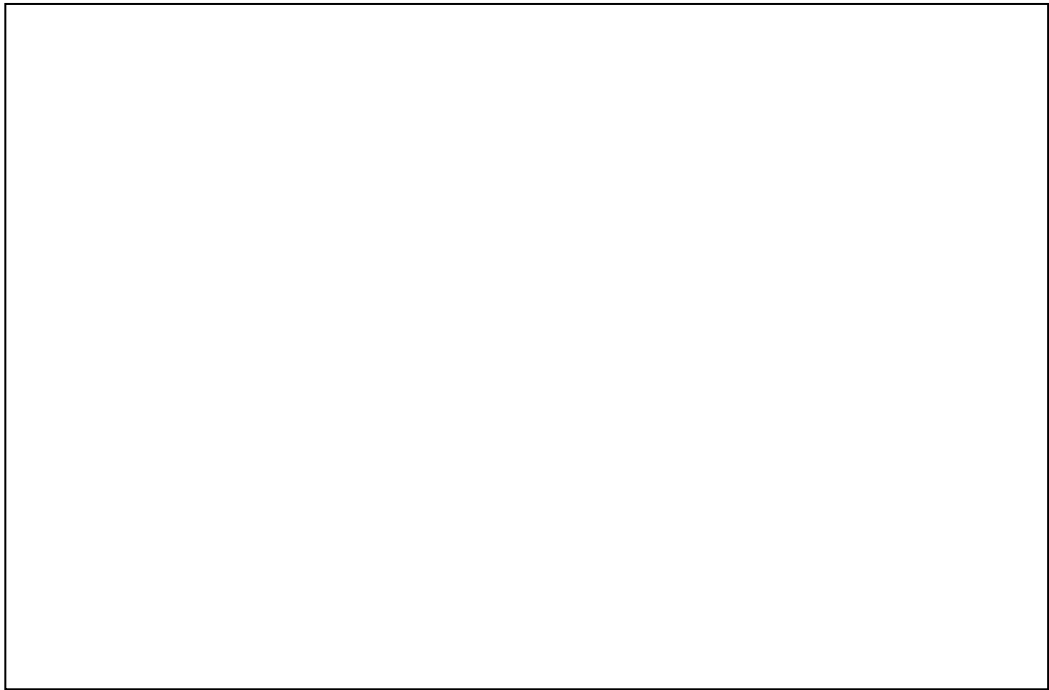
Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Active Firefighters (junior firefighters not included): \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory of Structural Firefighting Person Protective Equipment: (enter quantity)

Coats		Pants		Helmets	
FFs w/ none		FFs w/ none		FFs w/ none	
FFs w/ >10 years		FFs w/ >10 years		FFs w/ >10 years	
FFs w/ 5-10 years		FFs w/ 5-10 years		FFs w/ 5-10 years	
FFs w/ unrepairable		FFs w/ unrepairable		FFs w/ unrepairable	
Boots		Hoods			
FFs w/ none		FFs w/ none			
FFs w/ >10 years		FFs w/ >10 years			
FFs w/ 5-10 years		FFs w/ 5-10 years			
FFs w/ unrepairable		FFs w/ unrepairable			

Equipment Need  
Narrative:

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Financial Need  
Narrative:

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