



Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application Period Now Available

The SAFER application period is open now and will close **Friday, February 4, 2022**. SAFER grants can be utilized to hire firefighters, and provide funds for recruitment and retention for volunteer departments. To assist with this process and to make sure you are eligible to apply, you should start by taking these initial steps:

▪ **SAM.gov registration:** Update your city's SAM.gov registration. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually. **An application cannot be started until your city is registered and active in the SAM system.**

▪ **Complete a Self-Evaluation:** Self-evaluation documents will help your department fully develop a competitive application and provides information on how to strengthen applications.

▪ **Obtain an informal cost quotation.** Please note that once awarded, a formal bidding process will need to be completed.

The Department of Homeland Security estimates that only 500 SAFER grant awards will be awarded nationwide for FY21.

For additional information about the FY2021 visit the SAFER website by clicking [HERE](#). The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found [HERE](#).

COG staff will help you prepare your application at no cost.

If your department is interested in submitting an application or you have questions regarding this program please contact any of the following local assistance staff at the COG at 712-792-9914 or via e-mail.

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