



State Farm® Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program

2026 APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Below is guidance to help your department prepare for the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program grant application.

The 2026 application period will be open from Monday, May 4 at 12:00pm (noon) Eastern to Thursday, May 7 at 12:00pm (noon) Eastern. Departments are encouraged to gather the necessary information and supporting documentation needed for the application in advance.

Please note: the online application form cannot be saved or partially completed, you must fill it out in one sitting. This application guidance is designed to help you prepare your answers ahead of time so you can copy and paste them into the application once it opens.

A total of 150 departments will be selected to receive a \$10,000 grant to purchase equipment. Find additional application resources, including a list of eligible items, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and more, at www.nvfc.org/statefarm.

APPLICATION PERIOD

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the grant, departments must meet the following criteria:

- This grant must be used for [eligible fire department equipment](#).
- Department must be over 50% volunteer; paid-per-call is considered volunteer.
- Department must serve a population of 25,000 or less.
- Department must be located in the U.S. and legally organized under state law.
- Revenue for the department's most recently completed fiscal year must not have exceeded \$250,000.
- Department must demonstrate a need for the grant by indicating what the funds will be used for and articulating the impact this grant will have on the department and community.
- Department must be willing to share a department photo or video and publicize the grant award. The NVFC will provide sample promotional tools and templates to help.
- Department must report back within four months on how the grant funds were used.

- Only one application will be accepted per department; any subsequent applications received for that department will be ineligible.
- Previous recipients are ineligible to apply.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Information needed to complete the application include, but is not limited to:

Contact Information:

- Two different individual points of contact (POC) that represent the department are required; one of those contacts must be the chief. The primary POC will be the person to receive all communications about the grant. The primary POC will also receive a complimentary one-year NVFC membership if the department is among the first 2,000 eligible applicants. Notifications about the membership will be sent by August 31, 2026.

Department Details

- Department's information, such as formal name, phone number, address, web site, and social media pages.
- Population served (input in the form of a number, e.g. 7,500). Departments serving more than 25,000 population are ineligible for this grant.
- Area served in square miles (input in the form of a number).
- Average number of annual calls (input in the form of a number).
- Average type of annual calls (e.g. medical, structural fires).
- Number of active VOLUNTEER and PAID firefighters in the department (input in the form of a number for each); paid-per-call firefighters are considered volunteer. Departments must be over 50 percent volunteer to be eligible for this grant.
- Level of training your firefighters receive (e.g. Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2).
- Department's annual revenue and expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year (input in the form of a number for each, e.g. 150,000). This should be from the fire department's budget only. Annual revenue must not exceed \$250,000 to be eligible for this grant. Refer to the [FAQs](#) for specific information about department revenue and expenses.

Written Responses

- List the item(s) you intend to fund or purchase if you receive a \$10,000 grant. Provide a breakdown of cost(s) for each applicable item. [View a list of eligible items.](#) (100 words or less)
- Describe your department and community. What is your department achieving in your community? What hazards does your department respond to? Are there any special demands or needs required to serve your community? (300 words or less)
- Tell us why your department needs this grant. What specifically will you use this grant for? How will this grant enhance your department's safety, operations, and response? If you

are awarded the grant, how will it benefit your department and community? (300 words or less)

Supporting Documentation

One file upload will be available to attach any supporting documentation. The file upload is optional and not a requirement but available if it helps strengthen your application by providing evidence of your department's needs and plans (e.g., vendor quote, needs assessment, letter of support from community leaders, financial statement).

EXPECTATIONS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

If selected to receive the grant, the department must:

- Be willing to share a department photo or video and publicize the grant award. The NVFC will provide sample promotional tools and templates to help.
- Report back within four months on how the grant funds were used (financial summary, outcomes, successes, and lessons learned/recommendations).

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Shirley at lori@nvfc.org or 202-887-5700 ext. 125.