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The floodgates are about to open!

FEMA has announced that the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is about to open for applications. The official application period will run from *Monday August 15, 2011 until Friday September 9, 2011*. There is a total of \$370 million on the table and all of it will be awarded to fire departments and non-affiliated non-profit EMS agencies.

The big news this year is that the AFG has listed **Ambulances as a PRIORITY ONE** vehicle in the “Fire Department Vehicle Acquisition Activity” segment. This means that any request for ambulances will receive the same level of review and consideration as firefighting apparatus and departments can request multiple vehicles. PLUS, the AFG is still allocating separate ambulance funds for “Non-affiliated, **Non-profit EMS” organizations!!**

The other big change this year is that FEMA suggests that departments do a “Community Risk Assessment” to determine their true risks (needs). The applicant’s requests are to be based on those needs. The winning departments will be those departments that can demonstrate through their statistical data and the FOUR NARRATIVES that their request is more urgent than other departments also applying for those same funds.

To that end, Road Rescue has obtained the services of Flagler Emergency Services to assist department research risks and if requested, write the all-important FOUR NARRATIVE SECTIONS of the Application. There is no cost to you, all contracting and fees are between your customers and Flagler Emergency Services. It has been confirmed that the Grant Writer’s Fees are a “line item” in the grant application and these fees will be covered by FEMA if a grant is awarded.

As further help to your customers, the application requests need not only be for Road Rescue products. Any funding by the AFG to departments frees up those amounts in their budgets for EMS vehicle units.

The application period opens on Monday August 15 – and is only open for four weeks. DO NOT DELAY GETTING THE NEWS TO YOUR CUSTOMERS.

Have interested departments contact:

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