

# Fiscal Year 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Key Changes

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Below is a brief list of changes between Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and FY 2024 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The FY 2024 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) contains some changes to definitions, descriptions, and priority categories.

- Under Narrative Evaluation Criteria:
  - A character count for each narrative section and a link to the Narrative Development Toolkit and Self-Evaluation sheets was added.
- Under Application Tips:
  - Clarification that scores for applications with a mix of “High,” “Medium,” and “Low” priorities may be negatively impacted was added to this section. Applicants must consider priorities under each Activity listed in the NOFO when applying.
- Under Equipment Activity:
  - Clarification that FEMA will consider only “High” priority items for funding was added.
  - The following EMS equipment was added as High Priority:
    - Suction Unit (non-disposable);
    - CPAP Device;
    - Power Stair Chair;
    - Patient Carbon Monoxide Monitor; and
    - Capnography/capnometer Device.
  - The following EMS equipment was added as Medium Priority:
    - O2 Kit; and
    - Non-disposable Splints.
  - The following EMS equipment was added as Low Priority:
    - Stretcher;
    - Backboard;
    - Trauma Bag; and
    - Mass Casualty Kit.
- Under Wellness and Fitness Activity:
  - A clarification that Priority 1 programs must be already in place or requested in the application before Priority 2 programs will be considered for funding. In addition, the following items were added as



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ineligible:

- Saunas (including infrared);
  - Hyperbaric chambers;
  - Ice baths; and
  - Purchase of medical equipment.
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- Under Grant Writer/Preparation Fees:
    - Clarification that grant writer fee is subject to the cost share requirement was added.