



When does AFG open?

FEMA's FY2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), SAFER and Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) window ran May 19 – June 22, 2026. FY2026 dates were not yet announced as of September 2026. FEMA historically posts the Notice of Funding Opportunity 2-4 weeks before the window opens, and the window runs about five weeks.

FY2025 funding by program

Program	FY2025 funding	What it pays for
AFG	\$291.6M	PPE, apparatus, equipment, facility mods, wellness
SAFER	part of \$648M	Hiring, retention, volunteer recruitment
FP&S	part of \$648M	Prevention, education, safety research

The full grant year

- Oct - Dec: Build the portfolio, refresh the narrative, file USDA Rural Development (rolling).
- Jan - Mar: Get vendor quotes, submit Firehouse Subs Q1 (opens Jan 8, capped at 600 apps).
- Apr - Jun: AFG/SAFER/FP&S window (historically ~May); Firehouse Subs Q2 (Apr 7).
- Jul - Sep: Firehouse Subs Q3 (Jul 9); check state fire-grant deadlines; start next year's refresh.

How Red Dog fits

Red Dog Grant Intelligence builds the portfolio, scores readiness honestly, matches you to federal, state and private grants as they open, and drafts the application from your portfolio. Free assessment, no card: <https://reddoggrantintel.com>