

## Help for Grant-Seekers From the New York State Fire Academy Library

How the Fire Academy Library Can Help You:

1. **Search the "Big Online America" database for you through the NY State Library.** Big Online contains information on the largest private and public foundations, as well as grants from U.S. government and Canadian government, foundations and corporate donors. If you are a NYS employee (even as an SFI) we can arrange for passwords for you to have direct access.
2. **Lend "The Secrets of Successful Grant Writing" by IdeaBank.** (See description at <http://www.theideabank.com>). That same site also includes a "Grant Insider" with news of specific grants opportunities (such as WalMart's), an online course and more. TheIdeaBank has posted full text of 12 proposals on its site. To view, please go to: [www.theideabank.com/onlinecourse/samplegrant.html](http://www.theideabank.com/onlinecourse/samplegrant.html). The sample proposals are for thermal imaging cameras, a quick attack vehicle, multiple casualty incident trailers, a firefighter fitness/wellness program, and a public education program for bicycle helmet safety.
3. **Help you find recent articles on grants and grant writing** through the Academy Library's online catalog <http://dos.state.ny.us/fire/library.html>.

Specific Sources of Funding:

**FEMA** (under the Dept. of Homeland Security): See information posted at <http://usfa.fema.gov/grants/> or email [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov)

*Description:* Every year FEMA (under the Dept. of Homeland Security) distributes funds under the FIRE Act and other programs. Money is available for fire prevention, firefighter training, equipment, staffing, recruitment, vehicles, PPE, wellness/fitness programs, cooperative agreements and contracts, and administrative needs.

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online catalog at <http://71.4.229.140/m4/opac/m4opac.dll?installation=afs>  
Web page at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/library.html>

**NYS Low-Interest Loan Program through the OFPC:** Visit the OFPC website at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/firewww.html>

From the US Dept. of Agriculture:

- **Community Facilities Loan Program:** See the information posted at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ProgramBriefs/brief\\_cp\\_grant.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ProgramBriefs/brief_cp_grant.htm)

*Description:* Program is for health care, telecommunications, public safety or public services facilities in rural areas or towns of under 20,000 people.

- **Community Facility Loans: Federal Fire/Rescue Ambulance Program:**  
For more information on either program, contact Eileen McGrath at 315-477-6434 or any Rural Development Office listed in the phone book.

## **Records Improvement Projects**

*Description:* Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to local governments (including fire districts) for records improvement projects. Visit <http://www.sara.nysed.gov> or send an inquiry to [recmgt@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:recmgt@mail.nysed.gov). Money is given to digitize department records. Also, there's a nice guide you can download at <http://www.albanycounty.com/achor> called "To the Rescue: Records Management for Fire Districts."

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