

Below is a list of possible funding grants, training, exercise and purchasing sources that could be available to South Dakota Fire Departments. Departments will still need to do their own research to determine eligibility, application/funding timeframes and what the funding is authorized to support. This is not a complete list, just ones that the Fire Marshal's Office has heard about. If you have any to add to the list, please send the information to us.

#### **FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program:**

**Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG):** *AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.*

Info: <http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

**Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant (SAFER):** *Provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.*

Info: <http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>

**Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S):** *Support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards.*

Info: <http://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants>

#### **SD Governor's Office of Economic Development:**

**Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):** *Correct deficiencies in public facilities that affect the public health, safety or welfare- Fire Stations, Water systems, etc.*

Info: <https://sdgoed.com/financing-incentives/community-development-block-grants/>

#### **SD Department of Agriculture - SD Wildland Fire Division:**

**Volunteer Fire Assistance:** *Organize, train and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires.*

Info: <https://wildlandfire.sd.gov/admin/VFA.aspx>

**Federal Excess Personal Property / Firefighter Property Program:** *Programs provide a low-cost means for communities to protect their citizens from fire. Equipment that is no longer needed by the Federal Government, but which is suitable for conversion to fire service use, may be **loaned** to fire departments.*

Info: <https://wildlandfire.sd.gov/admin/FEPP.aspx>

**Ordering Wildland Fire Equipment:** *South Dakota Wildland Fire Division assists rural fire departments in South Dakota with obtaining equipment, supplies, and grant funding to provide protection for their communities.*

*Through agreements with the US Forest Service and the Defense Logistics Agency, we are able to purchase fire supplies and equipment from federal contracts. This service provides fire departments the opportunity to purchase items at a substantial savings.*

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Info: <https://wildlandfire.sd.gov/admin/Volunteer%20Fire%20Assistance.aspx>

#### **US Department of Agriculture:**

**USDA Rural Development:** *Possible Fire Stations & Fire Trucks. Grants and Loans.*

Info: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services>

### **Grants.gov:**

**Grants.Gov:** *This is a web site with a listing of numerous federal grant opportunities, you will have to perform a search. Other Possibilities?*

Info: <http://grants.gov/>

### **SD Homeland Security:**

**Homeland Security Grant Funding:** *The purpose of the South Dakota Office of Homeland Security is to prevent terrorism, enhance security, and respond effectively to disasters.*

Info: [http://dps.sd.gov/homeland\\_security/](http://dps.sd.gov/homeland_security/)

### **SD Office of Emergency Management:**

**Hazardous Materials Training, Planning and Exercise Grants HMEP:** *The grants are intended to increase hazardous materials preparedness and response capabilities by paying for planning projects and training for first responders, LEPC members, and local elected officials.*

Info: [http://dps.sd.gov/emergency\\_services/emergency\\_management/hazardous\\_materials\\_grant.aspx](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_management/hazardous_materials_grant.aspx)

**OEM Training Section:** *The Training Section offers emergency management training courses based on FEMA's training and classes offered at the Emergency Management Institute. Additionally, workshops are presented throughout the year addressing emergency management issues pertinent to South Dakota and this region. (Please work thru your local county emergency manager for approval for this)*

Info: <https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/emergency-management/events>

**State Emergency Management Exercise Program:** *The State Emergency Management Exercise Program provides exercise support to local governments, state agencies, volunteer organization, and in certain situations, private enterprises. (Please work thru your local county emergency manager for approval for this)*

Info: [http://dps.sd.gov/emergency\\_services/emergency\\_management/exercise.aspx](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_management/exercise.aspx)

### **SD Fire Marshal's Office:**

**National Fire Academy:** *On site and remote training information. In state classes, and those in Emmetsburg, MD.*

Info: [http://dps.sd.gov/emergency\\_services/state\\_fire\\_marshall/national\\_fire\\_academy.aspx](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/state_fire_marshall/national_fire_academy.aspx)

**SD Certified Firefighter Essentials Grant Program:** *Funding to assist SD Fire Departments with hosting a SD Certified Firefighter Class.*

Info: <https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/state-fire-marshall/grants>

**SD Smoke Alarm Grant Program:** *The Smoke Alarm Grant Program helps departments obtain and distribute smoke alarms in homes that need them.*

Info: <https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/state-fire-marshall/grants>