

RESOLUTION NO. 09-429

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE FY 2009 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the citizens and employees of the Town of Mount Carmel is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a fully equipped and properly trained fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security - FEMA seeks to assist fire departments in funding the costs for constructing new fire stations by offering the FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Fire Station Construction Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel now seeks to participate in this important grant; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare requiring it;

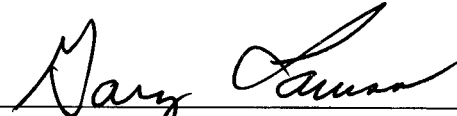
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, as follows:

Section I. That the Town of Mount Carmel is hereby authorized to apply and accept the FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Fire Station Construction Grant Program and upon award appropriately budget for its use;

Section II. The Mayor shall do all things necessary to validate and make the agreement legally binding including, but not limited to, affixing his or his designee's signature thereto;

Section III. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage the public welfare requiring it.

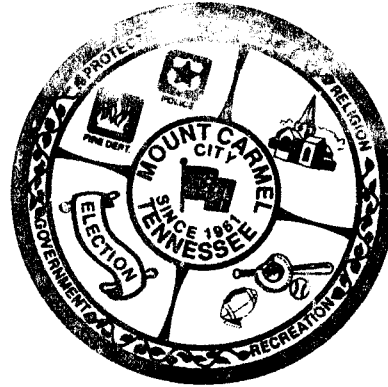
A D O P T E D this the 23rd day of June, 2009.



GARY W. LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marian Sandidge
MARLAN SANDIDGE, Recorder



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff May
LAW OFFICE OF MAY & COUP

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Vice Mayor Thomas Wheeler	✓		
Alderman William Blakely	✓		
Alderman Richard Gabriel	✓		
Alderman Kathy Roberts	✓		
Alderman Tresa Mawk	✓		
Alderman Carl Wolfe	✓		
Mayor Gary Lawson			absent
TOTALS			

PASSED: June 23, 2009

FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Fire Station Construction Grant Program[Synopsis](#)[Full Announcement](#)[Application](#)

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of **05/29/2009**. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click send me change notification emails. The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

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Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-09-AFG-115-00R
Opportunity Category:	Other
Posted Date:	May 29, 2009
Creation Date:	May 29, 2009
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 10, 2009 Please note that the application window for this opportunity opens the week of June 8th in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant system.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 10, 2009 Please note that the application window for this opportunity opens the week of June 8th in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant system.
Archive Date:	Aug 09, 2009
Funding Instrument Type:	Other
Category of Funding Activity:	Recovery Act
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	70
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$210,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$15,000,000
Award Floor:	
CFDA Number(s):	97.115 -- ARRA Assistance to Firefighters AFG
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Non-Federal Fire Departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

Agency Name

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Description

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Fire) Station Construction Grants (SCG) are authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5). The total amount of funds available under the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is \$210,000,000. The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and achieve other purposes stated in ARRA, and achieve AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

Link to Full Announcement

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com>

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

FEMA AFG Help Desk, (866) 274-0960 firegrants@dhs.gov

Synopsis Modification History

There are currently no modifications for this opportunity.



FEMA

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?

The ARRA is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges nationally. Funds received under this Act are intended to support these goals, and unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight, and accountability are required of the expenditure of Act dollars.

The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG specifically is to focus on these goals, and the goals of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, i.e., assisting fire departments in improving their basic response capability and capacity, and improving firefighter safety.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?

The total amount of funds available under the ARRA SCG will be \$210,000,000.

3. How does the FY 2009 ARRA SCG guidance differ from the FY 2009 AFG guidance?

AFG does not fund new construction or station renovations (with the exception of minor modifications for firefighter safety, which includes vehicle exhaust extraction systems and the installation of fire sprinklers or alarms). SCG is essentially a new effort for the AFG program office.

4. What are the priorities for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?

- Projects in areas of the country where unemployment is highest
- Projects that are ready to begin shortly after award (i.e. applicant already owns land and has required permits in hand, etc.)
- Projects that improve to emergency response time (NFPA Standards) and firefighter safety

- Projects that are environmentally friendly; conform to national consensus codes and standards, provide best value for cost and can be constructed within the proposed budget.

5. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds?

Non-federal fire departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

6. What are the eligible uses of FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds?

The following project types are eligible uses of FY 09 ARRA SCG funds:

- Construction of new fire stations. Funds must support firefighting operations hence awards will not support non-fire response or business.
- Renovation of fire stations to enhance response capacity or firefighter safety.

7. How will the FY 2009 ARRA SCG funds be allocated?

Awards will be made in rank order of competition. Competition will be scored in two phases: 1) funding priorities; and 2) peer reviews.

8. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?

The key milestones associated with FY 2009 ARRA SCG are:

- May 29, 2009: ARRA SCG Grant Guidance released
- June 8, 2009: Application period opens
- July 10, 2009: End of Application period
- July 27 (week of): Peer review
- September to December: Issue awards

9. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG?

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (Public Law 111-5) provides funding for this program.

10. Where is the FY 2009 ARRA SCG Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 ARRA SCG Guidance and Application Kit will be located online at <https://portal.fema.net> and accessible through www.grants.gov.

11. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please call the AFG Help Desk at (866) 274-0960 or email at firegrants@dhs.gov. Help Desk hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. Weekend hours will be established if needed
- To access grant writing technical assistance, including an online tutorial, frequently asked questions, and the program guidance, please access refer to <http://www.firegrantsupport.com>, the CFDA number for SCG is 97.115.
- For financially-related questions, including application preparation, pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via E-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

12. What is the FY 2009 ARRA SCG period of performance?

The period of performance of the grants will be a maximum of 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications why an extension is required.



FEMA

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- Fire Station Construction Grant (SCG) Program
- Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Fire Station Construction Grant (SCG) Program

Purpose

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The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and achieve other purposes stated in ARRA, and achieve AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

Eligibility and Funding

Total Funding Available: \$210,000,000

Non-Federal Fire Departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

Additional Information

- Applicants will apply online at portal.fema.gov
- Applicants will answer questions about their request in the online application, and will also provide a narrative
- Guidance (PDF 320KB, TXT 100KB)
- FAQ (PDF 45KB, TXT 5KB)

Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

Purpose

The ARRA is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges nationally. Funds received under this Act are intended to support these goals, and unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight, and accountability are required of the expenditure of Act dollars.

ARRA TSGP specifically will focus on the use of visible, unpredictable deterrence through the funding of Operational Packages for canine teams, mobile explosives detection screening teams, and Anti-Terrorism Teams both due to their effectiveness in reducing risk to transit systems and their potential for job creation. In addition, funding will be provided for capital projects including Multi-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Single-User High-Density Key Infrastructure Protection, Key Operating Asset Protection, and Other Mitigation Activities.

Eligibility and Funding

Total Funding Available: \$150,000,000

With the exception of ferry systems, those eligible under the FY 2009 TSGP, as well as Amtrak are eligible for FY 2009 ARRA TSGP funds.

Additional Information

- Guidance (PDF 430KB, TXT 162KB)
- FAQ (PDF 53KB, TXT 10KB)
- ARRA TSGP Investment Justification Template (DOC 138KB)
- Vulnerability Assessment and Security Plan Certification Statement (DOC 25KB)
- ARRA TSGP Budget Template (DOC 46KB)

Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Purpose

The ARRA is an economic stimulus package that was designed to jumpstart the U.S. economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges nationally. Funds received under this Act are intended to support these goals, and unprecedented levels of transparency, oversight, and accountability are required of the expenditure of Act dollars.

The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce.

Eligibility and Funding

Total Funding Available: \$150,000,000

Seven port areas have been selected as Group I (highest risk), forty-seven port areas have been selected as Group II and thirty-six port areas have been selected as Group III. Each Group I, Group II and Group III port area will compete for funding identified in their corresponding Group. These amounts are based upon the FY 2009 DHS risk analysis model. This will allow applicants to submit Investment Justifications (IJs) for projects without being confined to a set dollar amount, providing DHS the opportunity to conduct field and national reviews of each project and make awards based on the two overarching priorities of the ARRA PSGP, risk-based funding and regional security cooperation, as well as evaluating the extent to which each IJ buys-down risk for their port area.

Ports not identified in Group I, II or III are eligible to apply as an “All Other Port Areas” applicant. “All Other Port Areas” will compete for the funding identified in this Group. “All Other Port Areas” included within Group I, II or III’s Area Maritime Security Plans (AMSP) are allowed to receive grant funds from their geographically proximate higher Group if the project has regional impact across the entire port area, but not from both funding groups for the same project.

Under a fifth group, eligible ferry systems may also apply for funding.

The Fiduciary Agent process will not be utilized in the ARRA PSGP. Eligible applicants will apply directly to FEMA for funding under this program.

Additional Information

- Guidance (PDF 425KB, TXT 162KB)
- FAQ (PDF 48KB, TXT 7KB)
- ARRA PSGP Investment Justification Template (DOC 86KB)
- ARRA PSGP Budget Template (DOC 86KB)