



Firefighter Safety & Training Grant

VFIS of Texas and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are proud to sponsor a need-based grant program for fire departments in Texas. Grants will be awarded to reimburse departments for the cost of certification dues/fees and/or travel expense to attend training which is recognized and/or leads toward a certification. Grants up to \$2,500 will be awarded based on financial need and are intended to encourage all departments to participate in certification programs and training which will prevent firefighter deaths and injuries. Departments will need to apply for the grant, expend the funds and then send in copies of receipts or proof of training attendance in order to receive the grant funds.

Who is eligible:

- **Part I (Certification Dues)** – Departments whose members are not currently participating in a certification program
- **Part II (Travel Expenses)** – Any department attending training that is recognized or leading to a certification

What is eligible:

- **Part I** – SFFMA Individual dues allowing for participation in the certification program and tracking of training objectives toward firefighter certification or TCFP certification fees
- **Part II** - Reimbursement for travel expenses (up to \$150 per day per person) for training that leads toward or is required by a certification program (travel to/from, meals/tips, hotel/dorm)

How it works:

- Departments can apply for Part I, Part II or Both
- Departments should apply for assistance first (completed grant application and W-9)
- Applications will be reviewed and notice will be sent to those awarded a grant
- Departments will then be responsible for sending in paid certification dues receipts or paid travel receipts and course completion certificates for each student attending the requested training program in order to receive reimbursement

How to Apply:

Mail to:	Fax to:	E-mail to:
VFIS of Texas 3420 Executive Center Dr, #301 Austin, TX 78731	512-448-9929	vfisoftexas@vfistx.com



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**** Application for Certification Dues / Travel Costs ****

**** Application Deadline: December 31, 2013 ****

Name of Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Town, Zip: _____

Contact: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

Membership Number of Volunteers: _____

 Number of Paid Part-Time: _____

 Number of Paid Full-Time: _____

Annual # of Calls: _____

Annual Budget: _____

List sources of funding and the total funds received from all sources (fundraisers, city, county, emergency service district, etc):



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Part I. Certification Dues Assistance

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to departments whose members do not currently participate in a certification program.

Do your members currently participate in a certification program? Yes No

Please provide reason(s) why your members are not participating in a certification program:

What certification program are you applying for?

SFFMA

TCFP

\$30

\$85

Number of members applying for _____

Total amount requested _____

****Please submit list or roster of members for which you are requesting reimbursement of certification dues along with W-9 form. W-9 Forms can be downloaded @ <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.**

For assistance, please call us at 1-800-252-9435 or 512-448-9928.



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Part II. Travel Assistance for Training

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to departments for travel expenses to attend training that is recognized or leads toward a certification.

Do your members participate in SFFMA or TCFP Certification Program? _____

Name of Training: _____

Date(s) of Training: _____

Is this training recognized or leading toward a certification program? _____

Amount requested per day (\$150 maximum): _____

Number of days: _____

Number of members attending: _____

Total amount requested: _____

**** Please submit list of members attending training along with W-9 form. A W-9 Forms can be downloaded @ <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.**

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