



2016 Emergency Responder Safety, Training & Wellness Grant

VFIS of Texas and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are pleased to again sponsor a need-based grant program for fire departments and non-profit EMS organizations in Texas. Grants will be awarded to reimburse departments for 1) 2016 individual member certification dues/fees, 2) Incident Safety Officer, Leadership or Driver/Operator course expenses and 3) Health/Wellness Programs. Grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded based on financial need and are intended to encourage all departments to participate in certification, training and health/wellness programs to prevent emergency responder deaths and injuries. Departments will need to apply for the grant, expend the funds and then send in copies of receipts and proof of training attendance in order to receive the grant funds. **Grant deadline is December 31, 2015.**

Who is eligible:

- All-volunteer or mostly-volunteer fire departments and non-profit EMS organizations that serve a population of 100,000 or less and are legally organized in Texas.

What is eligible:

- **Part I** – 2016 annual individual certification dues for SFFMA (NOT department dues) or TCFP certification fees for departments that ARE NOT currently participating in a certification program
- **Part II** – Student course materials and travel expenses (up to \$150 per day per person) for Incident Safety Officer, Leadership or Driver/Operator training during calendar year 2016 (travel expenses include travel to/from, meals/tips, hotel/dorm)
- **Part III** – Cost for equipment or professionals to develop an in-house Health & Wellness Program

How it works:

- Departments can apply for Part I, Part II, and/or Part III.
- Departments should apply for assistance first (completed grant application and W-9) **by 12/31/15**
- Applications will be reviewed and notice will be sent to those awarded a grant **by 1/31/16**
- Departments will then be responsible for sending in paid receipts and course completion certificates for each student attending the requested training programs 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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****Grant Application – General Information ****

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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: _____

Population Served (First Call): _____

Annual # of Calls: _____

Annual Budget: _____

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

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



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Part I. Certification Dues Assistance

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to departments for 2016 individual dues to participate in a certification program. The intent is to reimburse the cost for certification dues to departments that ARE NOT currently participating in a certification program.

Do your members currently participate in a certification program? _____

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 _____

Amount requested _____

**** Please submit with General Information page, list or roster of members, and W-9 form.**

**** **W-9 forms can be downloaded @ www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf. ****



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Part II. Training

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to departments for student course materials and travel expenses to attend Incident Safety Officer, Leadership and/or Driver/Operator training in calendar year 2016.

Name of Proposed Training: _____

Proposed Date(s) of Training: _____

A) Number of days: _____ B) \$ Amount Requested Per Day (\$150 Max): _____

C) Number of members attending: _____

Total \$ Amount Requested: _____ (A x B x C)

Type of Training Incident Safety Officer Leadership Driver / Operator

Explain what funds will be used for: _____

**** Please submit with General Information page, names or list of members attending training, and W-9 form. ****

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Part III. Health & Wellness Program

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to departments for the cost of equipment and/or professionals to develop an in-house Health and Wellness program.

Amount requested: _____

Explain what funds will be used for: _____

Explain how this will help your department: _____

**** Please submit along with General Information page and W-9 form. ****

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