

Fire Station Construction and Rehabilitation Grant FAQ's

- 1. Can the grant be utilized for vehicle exhaust systems?**
Answer: Yes.
- 2. Can you build an additional station on the same property without it being attached to the existing station?**
Answer: Yes. Any new station is eligible for a grant regardless of whether it is attached to the current station.
- 3. Are training towers an allowable expense under the grant?**
Answer: No.
- 4. Do station remodels need to comply with the ADA?**
Answer: Yes. Remodels need to comply with the 2018 Illinois Accessibility Code.
- 5. Are design costs an eligible expense under the grant?**
Answer: Yes.
- 6. Can funds be utilized to purchase a generator for a station?**
Answer: Yes.
- 7. Can funds be utilized for roof replacements?**
Answer: Yes.
- 8. Can funds be utilized to purchase or replace an emergency siren system?**
Answer: Only if the system is attached to the station.
- 9. Does the project need to comply with the Illinois Work Jobs Program Act?**
Answer: If the total project exceeds \$500,000 it must comply with this Act.
- 10. Is an appraisal required to be submitted with the grant application for the purchase of land?**
Answer: Yes.
- 11. Can we include as part of our area served areas that we serve as part of mutual aid agreements?**
Answer: No.

12. Do you have to have exact numbers for your grant application, or can they be estimates?

Answer: They can be estimates but try not to over-estimate as that takes money away from other grantees.

13. Can you use grant funds for prior project costs?

Answer: Yes. The grant may be utilized to reimburse for costs back to July 1, 2024. Make sure to include those costs in your grant budget if you are requesting reimbursement for prior costs.

14. How long do I have to utilize funds from the grant?

Answer: Each project will be different. The office will work with grantees to determine the appropriate grant period (i.e. the time you have to expend funds) for the grant that is issued. We recognize that some projects will take an extended period of time to complete.

15. Can you utilize grant funds to pay for paving fire station bays, aprons and parking lots?

Answer: Yes. However, this is a competitive grant and your justification for projects like this will be important in the consideration of such projects.