

The seal of the Office of the State Fire Marshal of Illinois is centered in the background. It features a Maltese cross with a central circular emblem. The text "OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE FIRE MARSHAL" is inscribed around the perimeter of the seal.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

2023 Update

Small Equipment Grant / 2023

Application period **September 15, 2023 – December 15, 2023**

\$26,000 grant award maximum

\$4 Million available

Last Grant period 2022:

\$26,000 grant award maximum

\$1.5 Million awarded

67 grant awards

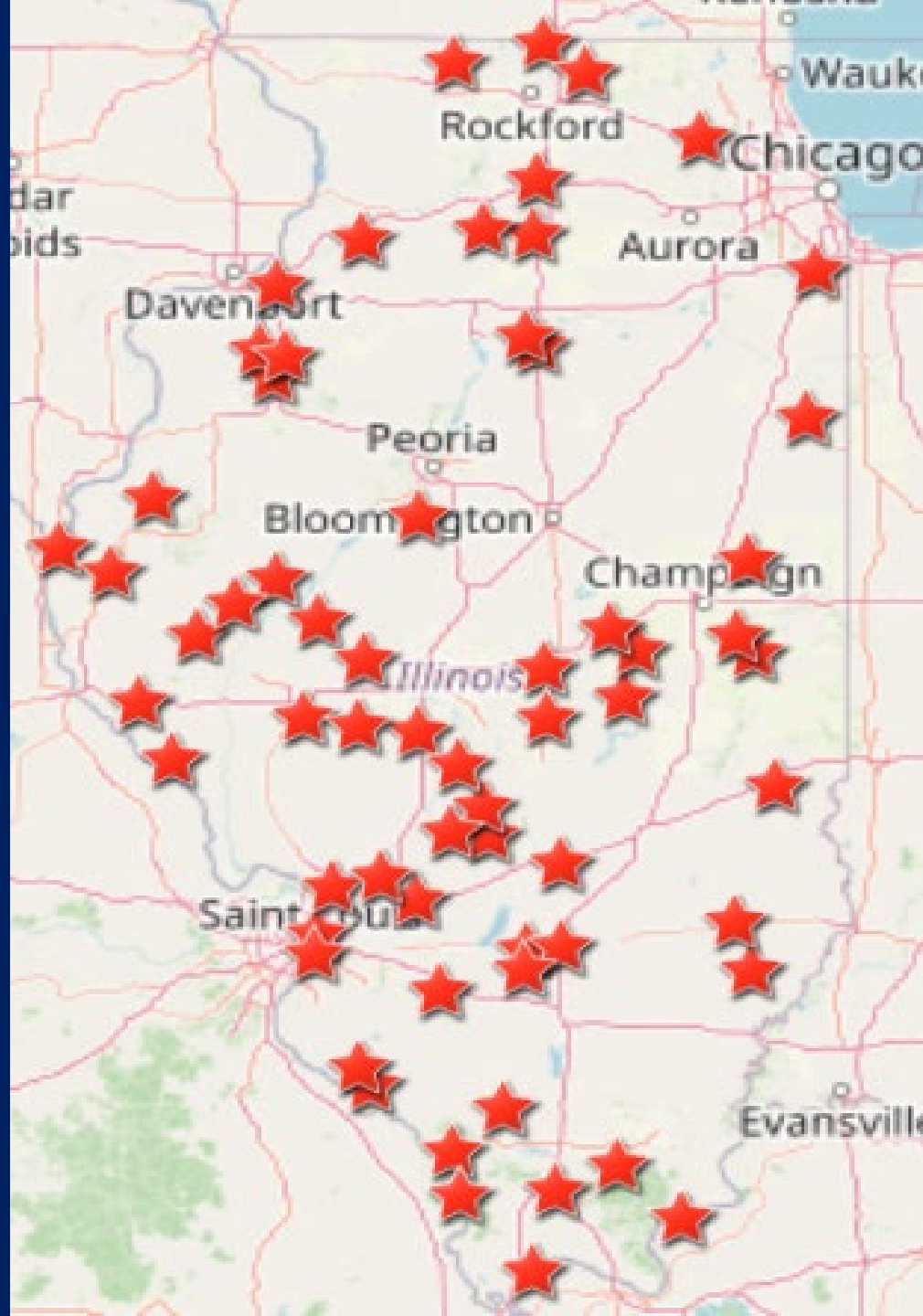
296 applications received

\$4.5 Million funding requested



Grant Awards

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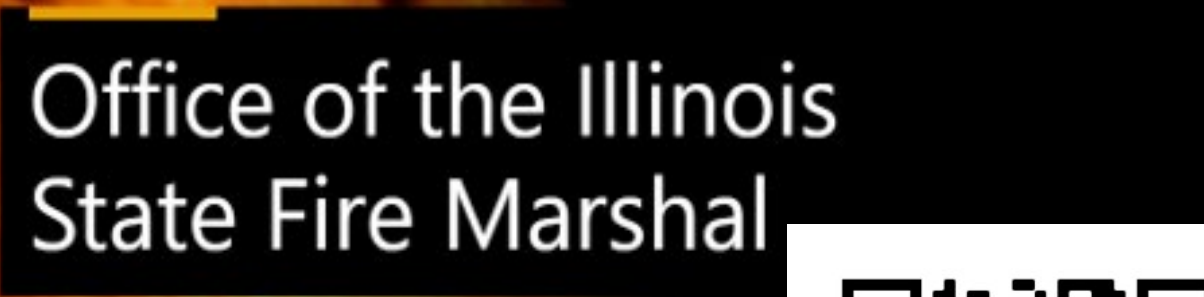
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Grant Application Tips and Info

Must fill out all sections of the application:

Completely
Accurately.

Do not skip or omit any information being requested.

If a section does not apply:

Enter N/A

Do not leave any field blank!

5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 1

NFIRS reporting issues

Requires NFIRS reporting compliance:
2 years prior to application.

Compliance list available on OSFM website

Compliance list is updated Monthly

3 main NFIRS issues causing non-compliance.

Failed imports / 3rd Party software issues

Failed to file a 'No Activity' report

Did not verify report was valid



5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 2

Equipment identification (Tier 1 vs Tier 2)

Tier 1 higher priority and better chance to get

Tier 2 may be awarded, but not until after all eligible Tier 1 applications have been considered.

5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 2...cont.

- **Tier 1 examples: (not an all-inclusive list)**

- **Personal Infection Control Items examples include:**

N-95 masks	Surgical masks	Face shields	Gowns
Medical gloves	Goggles	Boot covers	Anti-microbial wipes
Infection control kits	UV disinfecting lights		

- **Fire Fighter Safety Equipment examples include:**

PPE	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus	Cylinder tanks & fill stations
Flashlights	Hand-held radios	Thermal imaging cameras
Turnout gear washers and dryers *		

*Approval will be given for equipment only; installation costs and detergent will not be approved])

- **EMS Emergency Response Equipment examples include:**

AED machines	Cardiac monitor	Backboards	Stair chairs
Oxygen regulators / ambulance based O2 bottles		Power cots	Portable suction units

- **Vehicle Rescue Equipment examples include:**

Extrication tools	Air lifting bags	Halligan bars	Reciprocating saw blades
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5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 2...cont

- Tier 2 examples:

- Apparatus equip Soap for washer / extractors
- Base Station Radios Software / Installation of
- Fire Hoses / Appliances Specialized Rescue equip
- Fit Testing equipment Tools for Vehicles
- Misc. Hand Tools Ventilation Fans
- Installation / Labor costs Water Rescue Suits, equip
- Insurance costs UV / Sanitizing equip / Station Use
- Mobile Vehicle Radios Warranty Costs

5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 3

All required signatures are not on the application

Application **MUST** be signed by the Fire Chief; **AND**,

If Fire Protection District

President and Secretary of board of trustees

If Municipal Fire Department

Mayor and City Manager, Clerk or highest elected local official

Ensures all officials above preparer are aware of the application

5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 4

Budget information incomplete

Did not provide all info needed

Sections with no entries or no N/A

Information does not match other entries in the application

5 Reasons Applications Fail - # 5

Equipment justification is missing or incomplete

Tell your story, why you need

Increases in calls, why, how come

Failed, broken, out of date, or unsafe equipment

Uncommon event occurred depleting resources

Grant Information and assistance

OSFM will be offering 3 virtual information sessions thru WebEx for you to ask questions about your grant preparation and submission.

Monday November 13, 2023 – 1900 - 2100 hrs.

Saturday November 18, 2023 – 1600 - 1800 hrs.

Grant Information and assistance

Go to OSFM Home Page

Current Focus = "Small Equipment Grant Application Q&A Sessions"

Choose "More information and links to Sessions"

Follow the instructions



Any Questions or concerns contact OSFM

Application Process Questions / Assistance

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NFIRS Questions / Assistance

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NFIRS Program / <https://nfirs.fema.gov/NFIRSWeb/login>

Your NFIRS data must be current to be eligible for grant and loan programs!

OSFM constantly working to improve statewide data via:

Increased quality assurance reviews.

Contacting Department to refine and data relating to:

Fire Deaths

Cause and Origin

Reminders to non-compliant fire departments.

Developing and scheduling NFIRS training

[Microsoft Edge is the recommended web-browser.](#)

We're here to help. Send your questions to SFM.Nfirshelp@illinois.gov

NFIRS Website

All applications are accessed at:

<https://nfirs.fema.gov/NFIRSWeb/login>

Microsoft Edge is the recommended web-browser.
Incidents can be directly created here.

Bulk Importing from a third-party Report Management Software:

After you submit your files, you will see a notification that your files were “Uploaded Successfully”.

This only means the file has been uploaded for processing, it does not mean the reports have been successfully imported.

You will receive an email from NFIRSBulkImport@dhs.gov with a link to a zipped folder that contains the results of what was accepted.