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Federal Firefighter Grant Application Period Now Open

Washington, DC – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the application period for grants through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG) has begun. The application kit is available at AFG’s website (www.firegrantsupport.com) and the closing date for all submissions is at 5:00pm on May 20th.

The AFG funds are used by the nation’s firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting and emergency response operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs. FY 2009 AFG is administered by FEMA’s Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The AFG Program will provide grants on a competitive basis to rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. In addition, the AFG allows non-affiliated Emergency Medical Service organizations to apply for grants.

For more information please visit AFG’s website or contact Congressman Shuster’s district office at 1-800-854-3035.

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