

# PLEASE POST

## SAFER GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION 2012

TO: State Presidents McManus, and Marino; all State Representatives and Local Union Leaders,

The application period for this year's SAFER Grant is quickly approaching. We were very successful with last year's Grant process, because the IAFF took an active role in providing assistance to our Local Leadership and to their Chiefs and Municipal Leaders to assure that the applications were filled out properly and that each met the necessary criteria to receive the Grant. In all, 20 locals applied for Grants from the 1<sup>st</sup> District and we were successful in 18 of those cases, due to a cooperative effort between those Locals and our IAFF staff.

I am asking once again, that each Local who will be seeking a grant this year, contact me in advance to notify me that your city/municipality has agreed to pursue this Grant in order to bring back laid off members; or because they are anticipating losing members during this fiscal year; or that they are looking to replace members lost through attrition; and finally, that they are looking to increase their manpower to enhance service to their community.

Remember this process cannot begin without the cooperation and support of your Chief and/or City managers. Also remind them that this is free money for a two year period being offered by this Federal Government Assistance Program through FEMA and will pay for all costs associated with salary and benefits for any members hired through this program.

I am asking each State Representative/Vice President/District Leader, to poll your Local leaders to find out which Locals are looking to participate in this year's Grant Process and if they have approached their respective City leadership to seek their cooperation. I would also like to know, if they are seeking to replace laid-off members, or are anticipating lay-offs, or are looking to replace members lost through attrition and finally looking to enhance their work force through new hires as well as how many members they will be requesting. I will also need contact information for the person handling this process for each local, including e-mail address and contact numbers.

Once I compile this list, I will forward it to the IAFF Grant Director's Office, who then will assign some staff member to contact each Local as a follow up. Doing it this way proved very effective last year, but time is running short. Anyone anticipating a need for this Grant should be working on gathering the information needed NOW, and should be reviewing last year's application in preparation of the new application becoming available shortly. The sooner you have the application in your hands and the sooner you get it in, the better chance you will have to prepare for a successful Grant ,with the assistance of our IAFF Staff.

Please do not delay in gathering this information. The Grant Application period is short and many locals will be applying at the same time. I need your cooperation, to assure that our District's SAFER Grant applications get top priority and the only way to do that is to notify me and be prepared to expedite your application draft to our staff for their review. Your quick response to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

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