

Legislative Update



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For immediate release:

Grant Opportunities

Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will release grant guidance and application materials under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program on September 11, 2009. The application period will open, Monday, September 21, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. EDT and **will close on October 23, 2009** at 5:00 p.m. EDT. In the interim, the FP&S Guidance and application materials are currently available for review at www.firegrantsupport.com.

The FP&S Grant Program is a component of the Department's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG), whose purpose is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. FP&S grants provide support for funding efforts to mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards especially in high-risk target groups such as children, adults over 65, and firefighters. In addition, FP&S supports Firefighter Safety Research and Development activities.

The Department will award approximately \$35 million in FP&S grants.

The Arts Council

* **Artists in Schools Grants:** Any public or private district/school can apply for an AIS grant. Single schools can apply for up to \$5,000 for Artist residencies typically lasting 2 weeks. Districts can apply for up to \$15,000 for district wide residency programs which may include multiple art forms. All grants must provide a cash match of at least 1/3 of the project cash costs. Nonprofit organizations may apply on behalf of a school/district but must have a letter stating that they are doing so from the school district in which they are hosting the residencies. Organizations receiving AIS funding serve as chief sponsor, designer and coordinator of the program. Technical assistance in the form of artist contract templates, procedure guidelines, etc. are available from AIE Coordinator Ruth Glenn (907) 269-6682. **Deadline for submission is November 1st for this current school year.**

* **Project Grants:** Matching grants of up to \$6,000, funded by the Rasmuson Foundation, support arts & cultural activities on a long term basis, held outside the regular school day/year. Any nonprofit, school or district is eligible to apply.

* **Access Grants:** Funded by the Rasmuson Foundation grants of up to \$1,000 to support arts/cultural activities *of less than 2 week duration* during the school day. Any nonprofit, school or district is eligible to apply. Deadline is 30 days prior to the event. Grant guidelines, instructions and applications are available by clicking here. (Eg: *Visiting artist conducts a two day music residency; Literary artist conducts a reading for 6th graders*)

* **Excursion Grants:** Funded by the Rasmuson Foundation, grants of up to \$600 for any public or private nonprofit school in Alaska (\$1000 for Title I Schools) to support transportation costs for K-12 students to attend an arts or cultural activity. Grant guidelines, instructions and applications are available by clicking here. Deadline is 30 days prior to the activity's start. (Eg: *a trip to visit the Pratt Museum; a trip to attend an Anchorage Symphony Young People's Concert.*)

All applications and guidelines for the above are available on the ASCA web site under Arts in Education <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca>.