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Please Apply Early.

What does the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation support?

Our Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within our Foundation's funding guidelines which can be found on our website via firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas. See below for information regarding items that are not supported by our grants program.

Are there items that your Foundation does not support?

All requests must fall within our Foundation's funding guidelines which can be found on our website via firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas. Examples of items that are not supported by our board of directors at this time include body cameras, building exhaust removal systems, crash data boxes, dash cams, drones and drone accessories, exercise equipment, goodie bags, guns/firearms/use of force equipment, riot gear, laser pointers (designators), inflatable bounce houses, license plate readers, Narcan, portable message signs, Pluggie the fire plug robot, Polar Breeze thermal rehabilitation systems, police radar equipment, power load stretchers, recording devices, refurbished equipment, security systems, surveillance equipment, Sparky the Fire Dog robots and costumes, stop sticks, tasers, throw bots, traffic road barriers, TruNar analyzers, t-shirts & polos, etc. Note: Our organization is unable to accept requests for Scott SCBA Model AP50 at this time. All other Scott product requests are acceptable.

Is this grant only available for Fire Departments?

No. Law enforcement, EMS, public safety organizations, non-profits and schools are encouraged to apply for lifesaving equipment.

If my organization has received a grant award from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past, when can we reapply?

We ask that grant recipients wait a minimum of three years from the date of approval before reapplying.

Does the Foundation provide reimbursements for purchased equipment?

Our program DOES NOT provide reimbursements for purchased equipment. If your organization has already purchased the equipment and is requesting reimbursement, please DO NOT apply.

Can my organization submit multiple grant applications?

No, the Foundation does not accept more than one grant request per organization. The Foundation is unable to make exceptions to this rule.

Is the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant a matching grant?

There are no matching funds involved in our organization's grants program.

Does the Foundation accept requests for partial funding?

The Foundation does not consider request for partial funding.

If my request is more or less than \$20,000, will it be denied?

\$15,000-\$25,000 is a guideline. Requests exceeding \$40,000 will not be accepted.

What financial information should we provide?

Financials must show revenue and expenses and must include the name of your organization, city or county. One of the following options must be submitted:

- A recent - within one month - Balance Sheet which consists of Assets and Liabilities
- A recent - within one month - Profit & Loss Statement also called an Income Statement
- A current year annual budget showing projected income and expenses
- A previous year audit or 990

What is needed for the required vendor quote/bid attachment?

An official vendor quote must be submitted with the following information for your grant request to be considered.

Note: When requesting a quote/bid from a vendor, please share our quote requirements and notify the vendor that you are applying for a grant from our Foundation. Please ensure the quote reflects the most up-to-date and accurate pricing. As a non-profit charity we are responsible for the allocation of donor dollars. This includes procuring granted equipment at a savings, whenever possible.

Submitted quotes **MUST** meet the requirements below, please read carefully:

- o Vendor sales representative first and last name must be included on quote
- o Vendor email address must be included on quote
- o The name & **physical** address of your organization must be included
- o The first & last name of a contact person from your organization must be included
- o Only one vendor quote may be submitted. Your application will be marked incomplete if more than one quote is submitted.
- o Quote must be itemized
- o Online quotes will not be accepted
- o Must be dated within six months of the application deadline
- o Must contain **only** the item(s) pertaining to your grant request
- o The total dollar amount and equipment quantities in the vendor quote **MUST MATCH** the total that your department is requesting on the application. Please ensure the quote reflects the most up-to-date and accurate pricing
- o Include sales tax, freight charges and any anticipated installation fees, if applicable. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for additional shipping costs, sales tax, or installation not included in the submitted quote. All costs, including accessories, must be itemized
- o The cost of maintenance plans and extended warranties are not permissible
- o Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for restocking fees or costs related to errors within your quote

Important: Only one vendor quote may be submitted for related items only, within one equipment category. Unrelated equipment cannot be combined into one quote. Examples of unacceptable requests include quotes for un-related equipment:

- Cutter, Spreader and Fire Hoses*
- AEDs and gas monitors*
- Requests with more than one quote

* these items do not belong in the same equipment category

What inventory information should I provide?

Equipment inventory is required for first responder organizations only. If your organization does not have apparatus, vehicles or specialized equipment, please attach a document noting that the organization does not have any applicable inventory and include the name of your organization on the document.

For first responders: The inventory documentation must list the name of your organization. Please include a list of apparatus, vehicles and other specialized equipment, if applicable. The lists we receive vary in length depending on the size and type of organization. (For example, include items such as vehicles, extrication equipment, breathing devices, and personal protective equipment/PPE).

If my department is located more than 60 miles from a Firehouse Subs restaurant, should I still apply?

Our Foundation mainly focuses its resources in areas served by Firehouse Subs restaurants. We recognize the need of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country and will consider applications outside of the 60-mile guideline.

When can we expect to find out if our grant has been approved or denied?

Grant award notifications will be emailed to ALL applicants prior to the portal reopening date each quarter. Please do not contact restaurants or the Firehouse Subs Care Center with questions regarding your grant.

Does Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation fund requests for "use of force"?

As per our guidelines, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not accept grant requests for "use of force" items such as guns, tasers, riot gear, firearm simulators, or other use of force items.

Does the Foundation only work with specific equipment vendors?

No, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not endorse any specific equipment vendor or brand. Our goal is to provide the equipment that best fits the needs of our recipients, at the best possible price, to enable us to help more organizations. As needed, the Foundation's procurement team will evaluate pricing and reach out to other distributors of the same manufacturer and brand.

Does the Foundation fund requests for refurbished equipment?

No, our organization does not accept grant requests for refurbished or pre-owned equipment.

Does the Foundation fund requests for patent-pending equipment?

No, our organization does not accept grant requests for patent-pending products.

If the grant is approved and the vendor provides a discount on the granted equipment, can we order more items?

No. Any savings the recipient incurs must be returned as excess funds or credited back to the Foundation for future grant awards.

If approved, what is required by the recipient?

Documentation must be submitted to verify that the grant award was received. More details will be provided if approved.

We are unable to provide any additional assistance due to the volume of applications received daily. For technical questions, please email Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com. Please note: the Foundation does not provide sponsorship support.

What are the most common reasons a grant application is marked incomplete?

- The requested equipment does not fall within the Foundation's funding guidelines
- Quote is missing vendor sales representative first and last name & vendor email address
- Quote is missing name & physical address of the applying organization, and a contact person from the organization
- Online quotes are not permissible
- Quote does not match the dollar amount or quantity requested in the grant application
- Quote includes item(s) that are not being requested in the grant
- Attachments that are not saved as .doc, .pdf, .jpeg or .xlsx
- Financials are outdated and/or do not include both revenues and expenses
- Alternate contact information is the same contact information as the main contact information

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Scholarships Program

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How can an individual apply for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation scholarship?

The scholarship program is open to community members as well as Firehouse Subs employees planning to enroll in a part-time or full-time firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) program at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the upcoming academic year. Click [here](#) to learn more.

How can accredited schools apply for scholarship funding?

Accredited schools can apply for scholarship funding in support of firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) programs by completing the online grant applications via grants.firehousesubs.com.

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