

2019 – 20 FCEMS GRANT PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES

July 31, 2019 – PennFIRS incidents for FIRE and RESCUE companies must be reported through 7/31/19 to be considered current and eligible to apply for the 2019-20 FCEMSGP grant.

August 1, 2019 – Deadline for submitting merger paperwork to apply as a merged company for the 2019-20 grant.

September 3, 2019 – The deadline for submitting your electronic Final Report for the 2018-19 grant year.

September 4, 2019 - The 2019-20 FCEMS Grant application opens at 4:00pm.

October 18, 2019 – The 2019-20 FCEMS Grant application closes at 4:00 p.m.

October 18, 2009 – To be eligible for the increased merger funding available with this grant, fire companies or EMS services must have merged their use of equipment, personnel, and services on or after October 18, 2009. **Organizations that merged prior to October 18, 2009, will not be eligible for the increased funding.**

July 1, 2019- Eligible projects initiated and paid for between July 1, 2019 – September 1, 2020 will be considered as eligible projects for the 2019-20 grant year.

July 1, 2019 – To qualify for the Certification Bonus Points, an individual must have been certified at a minimum level of Fire Fighter 1 on or before July 1, 2019, by the National Professional Qualifications Board or by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and verified by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

December 18, 2019 - The Office of the State Fire Commissioner must approve or disapprove applications within 60 days of the application submission deadline. Applications received by the OSFC, which have not been approved or disapproved by December 18, 2019 will be considered as approved, subject to the provisions of Act 17 of 2003, as amended (which includes the requirement to submit a final report for each grant received).

January 2020 - The 2019-20 FCEMS Grant Agreements will be available mid to late January 2020.

~~May 31, 2020~~ **July 31, 2020** - Deadline for submission of 2019-20 FCEMS Grant Agreements.

~~July 31, 2020~~ **September 30, 2020** - Deadline for transmission of 2019-20 FCEMS Grant Agreements.

August 1, 2020 – Deadline for submitting merger paperwork to apply as a merged company for the 2020-21 grant.

August 14, 2020 - Last day project modifications can be submitted for the 2019-20 grant.

September 1, 2020 – The deadline for submitting your electronic Final Report for the 2019-20 Grant is 4:00pm.

THE DEADLINE TO SPEND THE 19-20 GRANT FUNDS IS EXTENDED TO 11/2/2020

We encourage all applicants to submit their electronic final report via your grant application by 4:00pm on 9/1/2020. If your electronic final report cannot be submitted by 4:00pm on 9/1/2020, **your hard copy final report must be received in our office no later than 4:00pm on 11/2/2020.** If you are submitting your final report via hardcopy, you will also need to submit the following documents;

- a) A copy of your final report form
- b) Invoice(s) from the vendor listing your purchases and image copies of **cancelled** checks used to pay your invoices.
- c) **If your project was debt reduction**, you must submit an image copy of the **cancelled** check(s) used to pay on your approved loan, or a letter from the financial institution verifying the date and amount of your payment.
- d) A check made payable to Commonwealth of PA for any unexpended grant funds.

November 2, 2020 – 2019-20 hard copy final report documents for audited companies must be received by **11/2/2020**.