

## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY, ACT 104 OF 2022; EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING CENTER CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

On Thursday, November 3, 2022, Act 104 of 2022 was signed into law establishing the Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant Program (MFDCGP). The MFDCGP was created with the intent to provide a source of capital funding for Emergency Service Training providers.

Eligible recipients of program funds include Municipal Fire Departments and Combination Fire Departments with at least two or more employees assigned to fire response paid directly by the municipality and recognized by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC).

Eligible categories of expenses are:

- 1. Establish or modernize facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles.
- 2. Acquire or renovate existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances, or rescue vehicles or for the construction or modernization of facilities.
- 3. Repair or purchase firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment as necessary to provide proper and adequate training.

Additional information is available online at <a href="www.osfc.pa.gov">www.osfc.pa.gov</a>. Questions regarding grant administration and eligibility should be directed, via email, to the Office of State Fire Commissioner at <a href="mailto:RA-EMOSFCTRNFACGRANT@pa.gov">RA-EMOSFCTRNFACGRANT@pa.gov</a>.

To begin the application process there are several important pieces of information that need to be completed prior to applying. Please note the turnaround time for the below items as some may take up to three weeks for processing.

## 1. Keystone ID

The agency seeking to certify for the grant will need both signatories to have a username and password registered within the Keystone Login Portal. You may register here: Keystone ID.

## 2. An active Commonwealth Vendor Number

Your organization must have an active Commonwealth Vendor Number for us to process your future grant contract and payments. You will need your organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) to complete this registration. To check if you have an active vendor number, search for your municipality on our list of Verified Active Vendor Records. If your municipality is not listed, you can complete your vendor registration online

https://www.budget.pa.gov/Services/ForVendors/Pages/Non-Procurement-Help.aspx by choosing the Non-Procurement Registration option. Or you can call Payable Services at 1-877-435-7363 and

choose Option 1.

## 3. Sign-up for Direct Deposit (ACH payments)

All your future grant payments will be made through the Automated Clearing House (ACH). You will want to check that your vendor record has your bank account information. You can add/change bank account information in your vendor record at the PA Supplier Portal. (See the step-by-step guide for making changes to your vendor record.)

NOTE: The 2024 application window will open April 1 and end on May 15; Requests for extensions will not be granted.