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## **Illinois State Fire Marshal Awards \$3.5 million in grants to Illinois First Responders**

Springfield, Ill- The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and Governor JB Pritzker have announced the recipients of the Small Equipment Grant Program. A total of \$3.5 million was awarded to 154 fire departments/districts and EMS providers. The OSFM received 540 applications, requesting around \$12 million in funding during this grant period.

“First responders put their lives on the line every single day to do the critical work of protecting Illinois’ communities. I am pleased to award \$3.5 million in small equipment grants to 154 fire departments and EMS providers throughout the state that will enable the purchase of new firefighting and ambulance equipment,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “I am grateful for the work our first responders do, and how they work so diligently to maintain the safety of our families.”

The Small Equipment Grant Program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment. This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for the fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase.

“Ensuring that first responders have the equipment they need to operate effectively and safely is a top priority of the OSFM. Most smaller departments and districts struggle financially to replace or upgrade aging equipment. The impending fiscal impacts resulting from the COVID19 crisis make the OSFM’s Small Equipment Grant Program even more critical to help ease that burden,” says Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

“This is an awesome program and benefits my department in many ways. With everything going on in the world today, my department and many other departments have had to cancel fundraisers which provides funding to purchase equipment. We currently are using air-packs that are 20 years old, the bottles still pass all testing, but we are in much need of an upgrade. My firefighters, I believe, feel safer knowing we are providing them with state-of-the-art equipment when they put their life on the line as volunteers,” says Ava Volunteer Fire Department Chief Rodney Anderson.



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“The Mokena Fire Protection District (MFPD) recently received grant funding through the OSFM Small Equipment Grant Program to purchase three 800 Mhz portable radios allowing enhanced emergency communications and response while creating a safer situation during emergencies. As resources have diminished for all taxing bodies, it has become increasingly important to seek alternative sources of funding. Without the support of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Mokena Fire Protection District would not be able to acquire much needed equipment such as these portable radios used to protect the stakeholders of the MFPD,” says Mokena Fire Protect District Fire Chief Howard Stephens.

Most Illinois fire departments, fire protections districts, township fire departments, and stand-alone, nonprofit ambulance service providers were eligible to apply. All fire departments, fire protections districts and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.

Grant recipients and awards are listed below:

**Adams:**

Mendon Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Payson Fall-Creek Fire Protection District- \$24,240

**Alexander:**

Tamms Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

**Bond:**

Pocahontas-Old Ripley Fire Protection District- \$9,780  
Smithboro Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Keyesport Fire Protection District- \$22,068.40

**Bureau:**

Cherry Fire Protection District- \$18,153  
Manlius Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Dalzell Fire Protection District- \$17,533

**Calhoun:**

Richwood Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,895.65  
Calhoun County Volunteer Ambulance Service- \$25,999

**Carroll:**

Chadwick Fire Protection District- \$24,550  
Savanna Fire Department- \$26,000



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## **Cass/Morgan:**

Arenzville Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Champaign:**

Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District- \$24,270

Pesotum Fire Department- \$22,366.45

## **Christian:**

Pana Fire Department- \$21,130

Owaneco Fire Protection District- \$19,275

Assumption Fire Protection District- \$25,008.95

Morrisonville Community Ambulance Service- \$17,504.91

Midland Fire Protection District- \$8,800

## **Clay/Effingham:**

North Clay Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Clinton:**

Sugar Creek Ambulance Service- \$17,523.40

Wheatfield Township Fire Protection District- \$24,750

Santa Fe Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Hoffman Fire Protection District- \$25,600

## **Coles:**

Oakland Community Fire Protection District- \$25,435

Seven Hickory Morgan Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Hutton Fire Protection District- \$14,506

## **Cook:**

Robbins Fire Department- \$25,002

## **Crawford:**

Oblong Township Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Douglas:**

Camargo Countryside Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Edgar:**

Chrisman Fire Protection District- \$9,735

Northern Edgar County Ambulance Service- \$22,031.75



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Brocton Fire Protection District- \$21,373

**Edwards:**

West Salem Fire Department- \$15,845

**Effingham:**

Watson Fire Protection District- \$14,056

Tri-County Fire Protection District- \$25,142.04

**Fayette:**

St. Elmo Fire Protection District- \$26,000

**Ford:**

Melvin Fire Protection District- \$18,654.05

**Fulton:**

Cuba Fire Protection District- \$10,275

Smithfield Fire Protection District- \$25,972

**Gallatin:**

Omaha Fire and Rescue- \$26,000

**Grundy:**

Braceville Fire Protection District- \$21,690

**Hancock:**

Carthage Fire Department- \$21,375

LaHarpe Fire Protection District- \$24,080

**Henry:**

Cambridge Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Oscos Fire Protection District- \$16,150

Clover Township Fire Protection District- \$11,678.73

Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District- \$7,449

**Iroquois:**

Papineau Fire Protection District- \$19,329

**Jackson:**

Campbell Hill Community Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,962.88

Tower Rock Fire Protection District- \$25,696.52



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Ava Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

## **Jefferson:**

Woodlawn Fire Protection District- \$24,838.38

Waltonville Fire Protection District- \$25,988

## **Jo Daviess:**

Galena Area Emergency Medical Service District- \$26,000

## **Johnson:**

Buncombe Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,487.76

## **Kendall:**

Lisbon-Seward Fire Department- \$25,500

## **Knox:**

Maquon Fire Protection District- \$23,294.45

Rio Fire Protection District- \$23,899

Victoria Copley Fire Protection District- \$16,494.87

Elba-Salem Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **LaSalle:**

Naplate Fire Department- \$24,560

Cedar Point Fire Department- \$17,287

Earlville Fire Protection District- \$25,415

Utica Community Fire and Ambulance Protection District- \$21,500

## **Lee:**

Compton Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Franklin Grove Fire Protection District- \$23,317

## **Livingston:**

Emington-Campus Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Chatsworth Fire Protection District- \$25,350

Forrest-Strawn-Wing Fire Protection District- \$25,650

## **Logan:**

New Holland Fire Protection District- \$24,756.80

Latham Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Macon:**



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Maroa Countryside Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Harristown Fire Protection District- \$23,738  
Argenta-Oreana Fire Department- \$26,000  
Blue Mound Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Macoupin:**

Staunton Area Ambulance Service- \$8,273.60  
Medora Community Fire Protection District- \$25,730.14

## **Madison:**

Hartford Fire Department- \$15,800  
New Douglas Community Fire Protection District- \$25,871.80  
Prairie Fire Protection District- \$22,500

## **Marion:**

Odin Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Marshall:**

Wenona Fire Protection District- \$23,936

## **Mason:**

Bath Fire Protection District- \$25,975  
Easton Rural Fire Protection District- \$23,830  
Kilbourne Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Massac:**

Joppa Fire Department- \$26,000

## **McDonough:**

Emmet-Chalmers Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **McDonough/Schuyler:**

Industry Fire Protection District- \$11,418.52

## **McLean:**

Bloomington Township Fire Protection District- \$25,000  
Ellsworth Fire Protection District- \$16,710  
Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Fire Protection District- \$18,000  
Randolph Township Fire Protection District- \$19,205

## **Monroe:**



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Maeystown Rural Fire Protection District- \$24,947.40

## **Montgomery:**

Coffeen Fire Protection District- \$24,700  
Farmersville Waggoner Fire Protection District- \$24,008  
Witt Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,612.30  
Hillsboro Fire Department- \$25,929.60

## **Morgan:**

Chapin Area Rescue Squad- \$15,975  
Murrayville-Woodson EAS- \$12,072.20  
Woodson Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Moultrie:**

Bethany Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Lovington Community Ambulance- \$26,000

## **Ogle:**

Forreston Fire Protection District- \$22,643.08  
Leaf River Fire Protection District- \$21,300  
Polo Fire Protection District- \$14,371  
Rochelle Fire Department- \$22,000  
Stillman Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Piatt:**

Cisco Fire Protection District- \$24,640  
North Piatt County Fire Protection District- \$25,052.93

## **Pike:**

Griggsville Fire Department- \$24,000  
Pleasant Hill-Spring Creek EMS- \$20,614  
Spring Creek Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Pope:**

Rural Pope County Fire Protection District- \$25,266.50

## **Pulaski:**

Mounds City Fire Department- \$25,334  
Mounds Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,780.35

## **Randolph:**



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Coulterville Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000  
Percy Fire Department- \$26,000  
Red Bud Fire Department- \$23,910  
Tilden Fire Protection District- \$25,237.04

## **Saline:**

Village of Carrier Mills Fire Department- \$25,960

## **Sangamon:**

Buffalo Fire Protection District- \$25,000  
New Berlin-Island Grove Fire Protection District- \$21,694  
Pleasant Plains Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Scott:**

Winchester EMS- \$13,200

## **Shelby:**

Cowden Fire Protection District- \$25,801

## **St. Clair:**

Brooklyn Fire Protection District- \$25,996.85  
Caseyville Fire Department- \$21,932.51  
Church Road Fire Protection District- \$24,935.85  
Fairmont City Fire Protection District- \$25,466  
Midway Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Stark:**

Toulon Fire Protection District- \$26,000

## **Tazewell:**

Green Valley Fire Protection District- \$20,000

## **Tazewell/Logan:**

Armington Community Fire Protection District- \$15,090

## **Union:**

Cobden Fire Department- \$24,524.30  
Dongola Fire Department- \$25,146

## **Vermilion:**

Bismarck Community Fire Protection District- \$17,000





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Carroll Township Fire Protection District- \$25,933.54

**Wabash:**

Bellmont Area Fire Protection District- \$21,450

**Warren:**

Little York Volunteer Fire Protection District- \$25,820

R.S.P. & E.F.P.D-Roseville Fire Protection District- \$21,749.40

**Warren/Mercer:**

Alexis Fire Protection District- \$25,765

**Washington:**

Ashley Community Fire Protection District- \$16,000

Okawville Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000

**White:**

City of Carmi- \$25,764

Enfield Fire Protection District- \$25,276.25

**Whiteside:**

Prophetstown Fire Protection District- \$23,413.48

**Will:**

Mokena Fire Protection District- \$20,336.37

Steger Estates Fire Protection District- \$25,992

**Williamson:**

Pittsburg Volunteer Fire Department- \$24,788

**Williamson/Saline:**

Stonefort Fire Department- \$23,360

**Winnebago:**

Winnebago County Fire Protection District #1- \$26,000