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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES THE THIRTEENTH ROUND OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS AWARDING \$3.3 MILLION TO AID AMERICA'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

(Washington, DC) April 21, 2006 – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security today announced the thirteenth round of the Fiscal Year 2005 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) awarding 18 grants to fire departments throughout the United States.

FP&S will issue approximately 400 awards worth at least \$32.5 million. The program prioritizes projects focusing on preventing fire-related injuries to children. Many of these awards represent innovative solutions for the delivery of fire prevention activities throughout the United States. In addition to these priorities, FP&S grants support research focusing on ways to improve the safety and health of firefighters.

“We recognize the importance of these grants in helping to keep our firefighters safe and healthy, and in curbing preventable fires from occurring in the first place,” said Tracy A. Henke, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Grants and Training (G&T).

This thirteenth round of grant awards provides \$3,363,628 to support fire prevention and safety efforts that focus on the safety of high-risk target groups, such as children, seniors, and firefighters. The organizations receiving awards in this round include:

Whetstone Fire District	Huachuca City	Arizona	\$ 11,250
Squaw Valley Fire Department	Olympic Valley	California	\$ 31,110
Fire Safe Marin	San Rafael	California	\$ 26,600
El Centro Fire Department	El Centro	California	\$ 43,708
National Volunteer Fire Council	Washington	District of Columbia	\$ 1,000,000
Rockford Fire Department	Rockford	Illinois	\$ 96,819
Louisiana State Fire Marshals Office	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	\$ 62,790
Foundation for Excellence LA Public Broadcasting	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	\$ 158,690
York County Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Col.	Alfred	Maine	\$ 78,120
Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety	Kalamazoo	Michigan	\$ 339,000
CNMI Department of Public Safety-Fire Division	Saipan	MP-00	\$ 42,000

George County Firefighters Association	Lucedale	Mississippi	\$	22,950
Dept of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation	Helena	Montana	\$	39,084
NORTH DAKOTA FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION	Ellendale	North Dakota	\$	22,819
Nebraska Forest Service	Lincoln	Nebraska	\$	111,261
Residential Fire Safety Institute	Albany	New York	\$	272,120
White Eagle Fire Department	Ponca City	Okalahoma	\$	5,377
Oklahoma State University	Stillwater	Okalahoma	\$	999,930

“The Federal government continues to support the critical work of our nation’s firefighters through the Fire Prevention and Safety grants by addressing the issues that can help prevent fires from happening,” said Charlie Dickinson, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security’s United States Fire Administration.

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program is administered by the Department’s Office of Grants and Training (G&T) in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration.

G&T is the principal federal agency responsible for the preparedness of the United States for acts of terrorism, including coordinating preparedness efforts at the federal level, and working with all state, local, tribal, parish, and private sector emergency response providers on all matters pertaining to combating terrorism, including training, exercises and equipment support. To support this mission, G&T administers a number of programs that provide a wide array of support to our nation’s emergency preparedness and response community. For more information on G&T, please visit the Website at [www.ojp.gov/odp](http://www.ojp.gov/odp).

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) is a division of the Preparedness Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. For more information on USFA, please visit the Website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

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