

The top of the page features a blue-tinted image of the American flag on the left and a bald eagle in flight on the right, set against a dark blue background.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

***Grant Programs Directorate  
Grant Development and Administration Division***

**ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT  
PROGRAM**

**Report on Fiscal Year 2006  
Fire Prevention and Safety Grants**



**FEMA**

## **Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Summary**

The purpose of the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program is to reduce fire and fire-related losses, especially injuries or deaths. The primary goal is to mitigate the incidences of death and injury among high-risk target populations, including firefighters.

The FP&S grants are authorized as part of the funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The Federal Fire Protection and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. §§ 2229 et seq.), as amended, requires that no less than five percent (5%) of the AFG's appropriated funds be used for fire prevention grants. These grants are to be made to public and private nonprofit organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in carrying out such activities. The total funding available for FP&S grants in fiscal year (FY) 2006 was \$27 million.

The FP&S grants support two types of activities:

- (1) Fire Prevention and Safety
- (2) Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

Projects eligible for Fire Prevention and Safety activity grants include public education, arson prevention and awareness, code enforcement and awareness, wildfire prevention and education, juvenile fire-setter intervention, burn prevention, media and public relations campaigns, sprinkler awareness, and smoke alarm distribution. Grants in this activity are available to fire departments; nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations; and national, regional, State, local, and community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention or safety programs. Both private and public non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in this activity. Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations receiving grants for this activity must meet a cost-share requirement, but other eligible organizations have no cost-share requirement.

Eligible applicants for the Firefighter Safety Research and Development activity grants include national, regional, State, and local organizations recognized for their experience and expertise in this area. Under the governing statute, fire departments are not eligible to apply for funding in this activity. There is no cost share required for grants in this activity.

## **Legislative Background**

The authority of this program is derived from the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. §§ 2229 et seq.), as amended. In FY 2006, Congress reauthorized the AFG through the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006* (P.L. 109-90) and appropriated a total of \$655,000,000<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> Congress placed a government-wide rescission of (1%) on all appropriations in FY2006. This rescission resulted in an overall AFG appropriation reduction of \$6,550,000. The final appropriated amount came to \$648,450,000.

to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) to carry out the activities of the AFG program (includes SAFER). Congress also authorized the use of up to five percent (5%) of the appropriated funds for administering the grant program. Also, no less than five percent (5%) of the appropriated funds must be made available to make grants for fire prevention activities. The appropriated funds were available until September 30, 2007.

The authorizing legislation for the AFG also includes several other requirements that the program must fulfill: 1) a minimum of five percent (5%) of the appropriated funds must be used for fire prevention grants to fire departments, or for fire prevention and safety awards to organizations recognized for their experience and expertise in carrying out such activities; 2) no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of appropriated funds may be awarded for the purchase of firefighting vehicles; 3) the program must award to volunteer and combination departments a percentage of the available funds equal to the percentage of the U.S. population that they protect; and 4) there must be a balance in the awards to rural, suburban and urban jurisdictions.

## **FP&S Grant Applications for FY 2006**

The FY 2006 FP&S Grant Program application period was held in September 2006, and the amount of funding requested totaled approximately \$273 million.

- Fire Prevention and Safety activities represented 97.5 percent (2,830) of the funding requested, totaling approximately \$221.7 million. The average share requested was \$78,361.
- Firefighter Safety Research and Development activities represented 1.7 percent (49) of the funding requested, totaling more than \$37.4 million. The average share requested was \$764,838.
- Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety Research and Development (requests to support both program activities in one application) represented 0.8 percent (23) of submissions. The funds requested totaled approximately \$13.3 million. The average share requested was \$577,918.

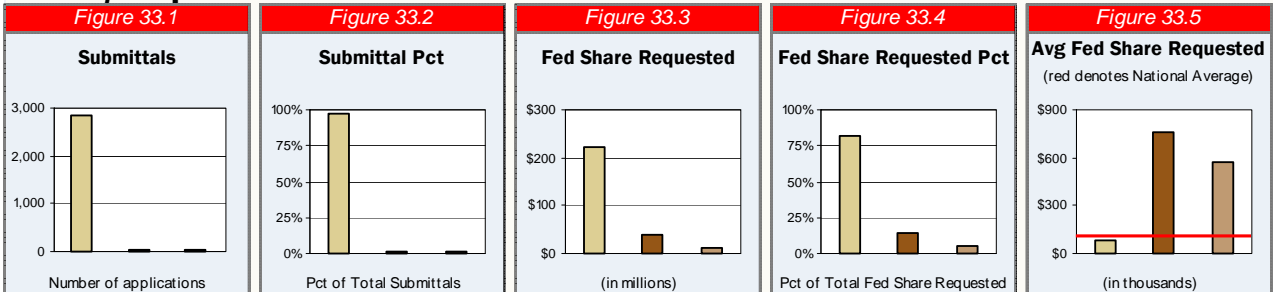
See Tables 33 and 34 for a breakdown of applications by activity area.

## Applications Submitted by Program Area

Table 33

Legend	Program Name	Total Applications Submitted	% Total	Total Federal Share Requested	% Total	Average Federal Share Requested
	Fire Prevention	2,830	97.5%	\$221,761,892	81.4%	\$78,361
	Research	49	1.7%	\$37,477,053	13.8%	\$764,838
	Research and Prevention	23	0.8%	\$13,292,103	4.9%	\$577,918
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,902</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$272,531,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$93,911</b>

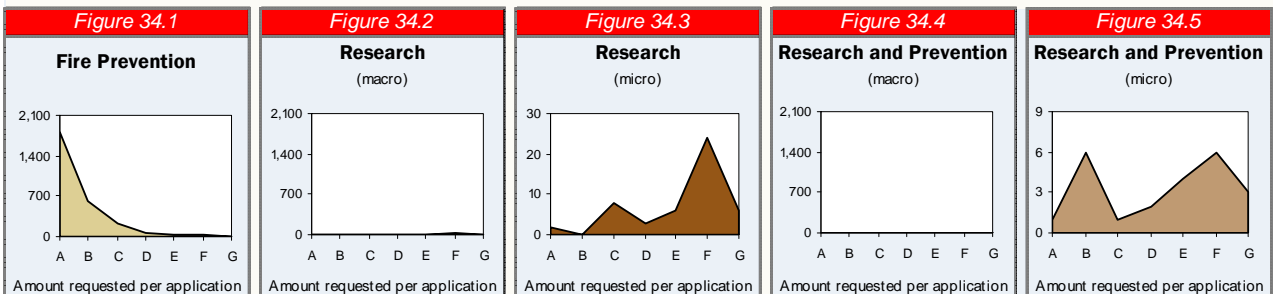
## Charts/Graphs



## Federal Share Requested per Submittal

Table 34

Legend	Request Per Submittal	Fire Prevention	Research	Research and Prevention	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	1,802	2	1	1,805
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	628		6	634
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	240	8	1	249
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	68	3	2	73
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	35	6	4	45
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	45	24	6	75
G	\$1,000,000 or more	12	6	3	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,830</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,902</b>



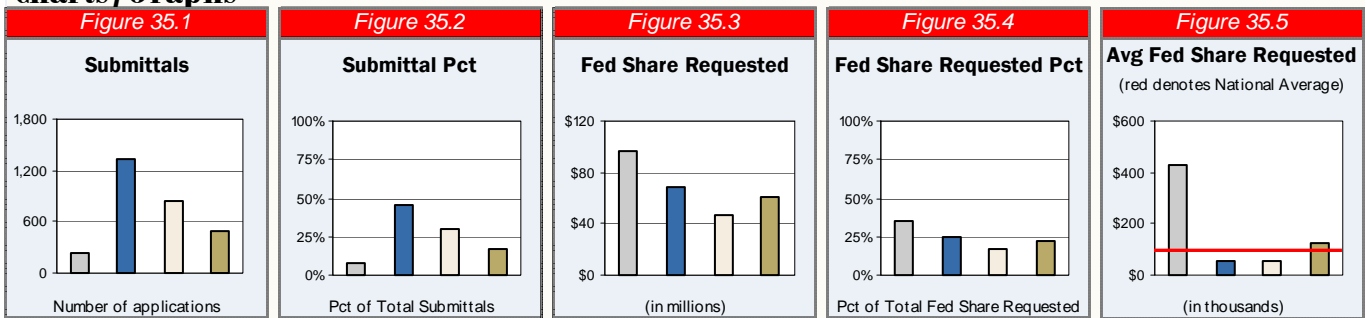
Tables 35 and 36 and Figures 35.1 through 36.5 depict a breakdown of applications received by type of service area.

## Applications Submitted by Service Area

**Table 35**

Legend	Service Area	Total Applications Submitted	% Total	Total Federal Share Requested	% Total	Average Federal Share Requested
	N/A	223	7.7%	\$96,319,986	35.3%	\$431,928
	Rural	1,332	45.9%	\$68,157,505	25.0%	\$51,169
	Suburban	853	29.4%	\$47,032,193	17.3%	\$55,137
	Urban	494	17.0%	\$61,021,364	22.4%	\$123,525
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,902</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$272,531,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$93,911</b>

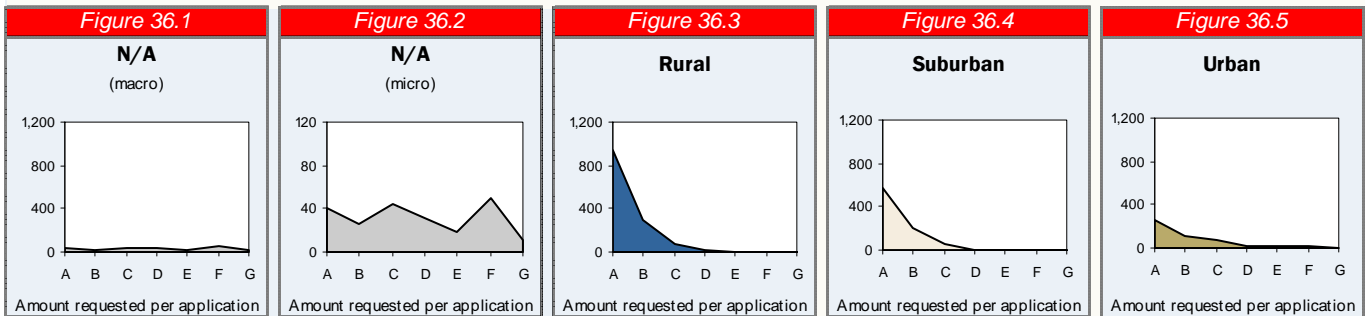
## Charts/Graphs



## Federal Share Requested per Submittal

**Table 36**

Legend	Request Per Submittal	N/A	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	41	937	575	252	1,805
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	26	293	201	114	634
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	45	67	62	75	249
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	31	20	4	18	73
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	18	5	6	16	45
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	50	6	4	15	75
G	\$1,000,000 or more	12	4	1	4	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>223</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>2,902</b>



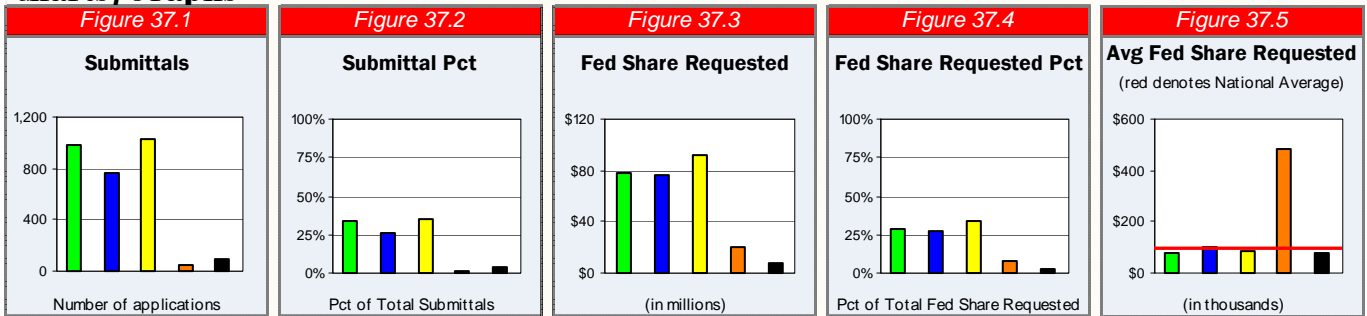
Tables 37 and 38 and Figures 37.1 through 38.5 depict a breakdown of applications submitted by type of fire department and amounts requested.

## Applications Submitted by Department Type

**Table 37**

Legend	Department Type	Total Applications Submitted	% Total	Total Federal Share Requested	% Total	Average Federal Share Requested
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	All Volunteer	977	33.7%	\$78,083,646	28.7%	\$79,922
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Career	758	26.1%	\$75,623,855	27.7%	\$99,768
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Combination	1,026	35.4%	\$91,225,751	33.5%	\$88,914
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	N/A	41	1.4%	\$19,906,320	7.3%	\$485,520
<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Paid on Call	100	3.4%	\$7,691,476	2.8%	\$76,915
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,902</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$272,531,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$93,911</b>

## Charts/Graphs



## Federal Share Requested per Submittal

**Table 38**

Legend	Request Per Submittal	All Volunteer	Career	Combination	N/A	Paid on Call	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	655	422	650	6	72	1,805
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	198	188	227	7	14	634
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	58	96	79	8	8	249
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	27	17	24	2	3	73
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	12	12	20		1	45
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	22	16	21	14	2	75
G	\$1,000,000 or more	5	7	5	4		21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>977</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,902</b>

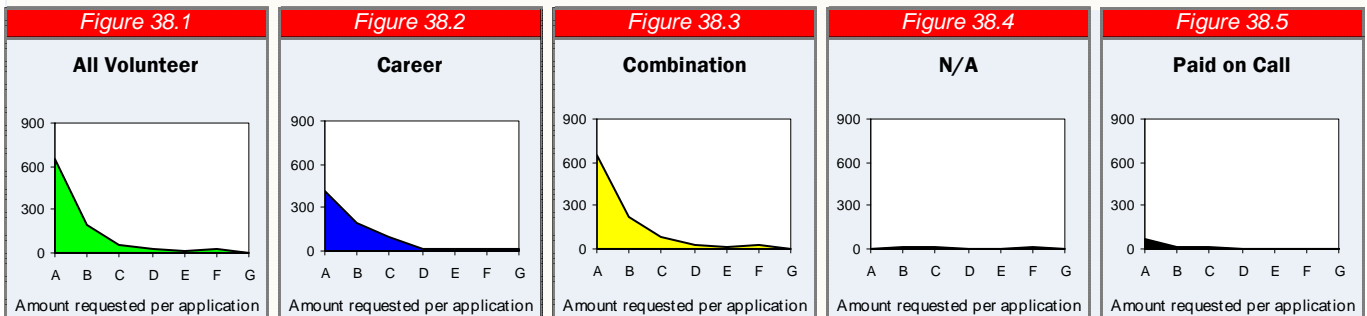


Table 39 depicts a comprehensive breakdown of applications and grant requests by geographic location.

Table 39					
State	APPLICATIONS		TOTAL FEDERAL SHARE		AVERAGE FEDERAL SHARE
	Submittals	%Total	Total Amount Requested	%Total	Average Amount Requested
Alabama	88	3.0%	\$4,206,379	1.5%	\$47,800
Alaska	22	0.8%	\$3,180,950	1.2%	\$144,589
Arizona	46	1.6%	\$5,529,294	2.0%	\$120,202
Arkansas	39	1.3%	\$2,377,312	0.9%	\$60,957
California	146	5.0%	\$15,822,350	5.8%	\$108,372
Colorado	50	1.7%	\$3,443,114	1.3%	\$68,862
Connecticut	50	1.7%	\$4,622,488	1.7%	\$92,450
Delaware	8	0.3%	\$431,839	0.2%	\$53,980
District of Columbia	10	0.3%	\$5,506,028	2.0%	\$550,603
Florida	74	2.5%	\$8,862,879	3.3%	\$119,769
Georgia	50	1.7%	\$4,505,832	1.7%	\$90,117
Hawaii	2	0.1%	\$237,186	0.1%	\$118,593
Idaho	24	0.8%	\$1,748,863	0.6%	\$72,869
Illinois	150	5.2%	\$11,647,663	4.3%	\$77,651
Indiana	70	2.4%	\$5,996,843	2.2%	\$85,669
Iowa	28	1.0%	\$2,583,775	0.9%	\$92,278
Kansas	40	1.4%	\$3,378,106	1.2%	\$84,453
Kentucky	66	2.3%	\$5,178,050	1.9%	\$78,455
Louisiana	34	1.2%	\$3,735,588	1.4%	\$109,870
Maine	26	0.9%	\$1,399,102	0.5%	\$53,812
Maryland	29	1.0%	\$8,679,476	3.2%	\$299,292
Massachusetts	80	2.8%	\$10,009,254	3.7%	\$125,116
Michigan	114	3.9%	\$6,782,265	2.5%	\$59,494
Minnesota	49	1.7%	\$4,698,768	1.7%	\$95,893
Mississippi	38	1.3%	\$3,583,692	1.3%	\$94,308
Missouri	68	2.3%	\$4,695,711	1.7%	\$69,055
Montana	20	0.7%	\$1,000,685	0.4%	\$50,034
Nebraska	15	0.5%	\$1,609,815	0.6%	\$107,321
Nevada	11	0.4%	\$1,874,458	0.7%	\$170,405
New Hampshire	23	0.8%	\$3,360,659	1.2%	\$146,116
New Jersey	93	3.2%	\$4,924,227	1.8%	\$52,949
New Mexico	18	0.6%	\$2,801,876	1.0%	\$155,660
New York	203	7.0%	\$16,514,642	6.1%	\$81,353
North Carolina	94	3.2%	\$7,295,065	2.7%	\$77,607
North Dakota	10	0.3%	\$1,434,465	0.5%	\$143,447
Ohio	177	6.1%	\$16,988,802	6.2%	\$95,982
Oklahoma	39	1.3%	\$4,707,133	1.7%	\$120,696
Oregon	53	1.8%	\$7,415,881	2.7%	\$139,922
Pennsylvania	210	7.2%	\$12,238,092	4.5%	\$58,277
Puerto Rico	1	0.0%	\$407,387	0.1%	\$407,387
Rhode Island	17	0.6%	\$1,481,156	0.5%	\$87,127
South Carolina	56	1.9%	\$2,949,661	1.1%	\$52,673
South Dakota	7	0.2%	\$264,938	0.1%	\$37,848
Tennessee	74	2.5%	\$6,434,437	2.4%	\$86,952
Texas	121	4.2%	\$10,271,702	3.8%	\$84,890
Utah	22	0.8%	\$2,162,592	0.8%	\$98,300
Vermont	8	0.3%	\$1,320,102	0.5%	\$165,013
Virginia	54	1.9%	\$15,502,802	5.7%	\$287,089
Washington	65	2.2%	\$8,018,715	2.9%	\$123,365
West Virginia	32	1.1%	\$2,743,032	1.0%	\$85,720
Wisconsin	73	2.5%	\$4,698,620	1.7%	\$64,365
Wyoming	5	0.2%	\$1,267,297	0.5%	\$253,459
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$272,531,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$93,911</b>

## FP&S Awards for FY 2006

The FP&S applications underwent a review process that closely mirrored that of the AFG and SAFER Grant Programs. Peer reviewers from the major fire service organizations and from the academic and research community assessed each application's merits with respect to the detail provided on the proposed activities, including budget information and the rationale used to explain the project(s). Awards were made based on these panelists' recommendations.

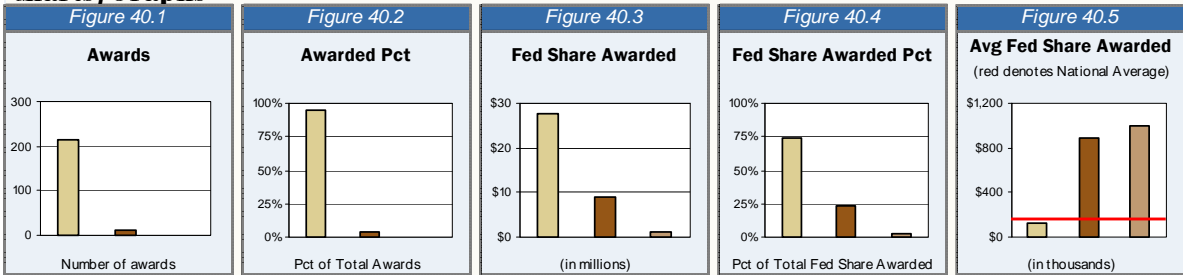
Tables 40 and 41 and Figures 40.1 through 41.5 reflect the FP&S awards by activity area and by the amount of Federal funding awarded.

### Awards by Program Area

**Table 40**

Legend	Program Name	Total Awards	% Total	Total Federal Share Awarded	% Total	Average Federal Share Awarded
	Fire Prevention	215	95.1%	\$27,551,015	73.6%	\$128,144
	Research	10	4.4%	\$8,886,265	23.7%	\$888,627
	Research and Prevention	1	0.4%	\$991,040	2.6%	\$991,040
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$37,428,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$165,612</b>

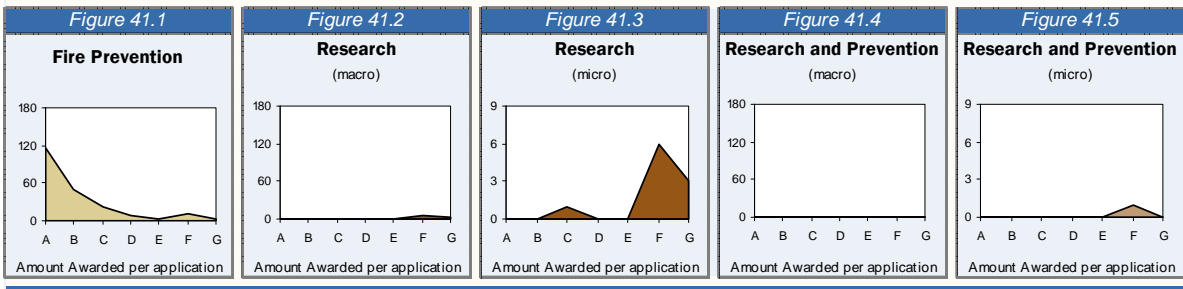
### Charts/Graphs



### Federal Share Awarded per Submittal

**Table 41**

Legend	Fed Share Awarded	Fire Prevention	Research	Research and Prevention	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	116			116
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	51			51
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	23	1		24
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	9			9
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	2			2
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	11	6	1	18
G	\$1,000,000 or more	3	3		6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>226</b>



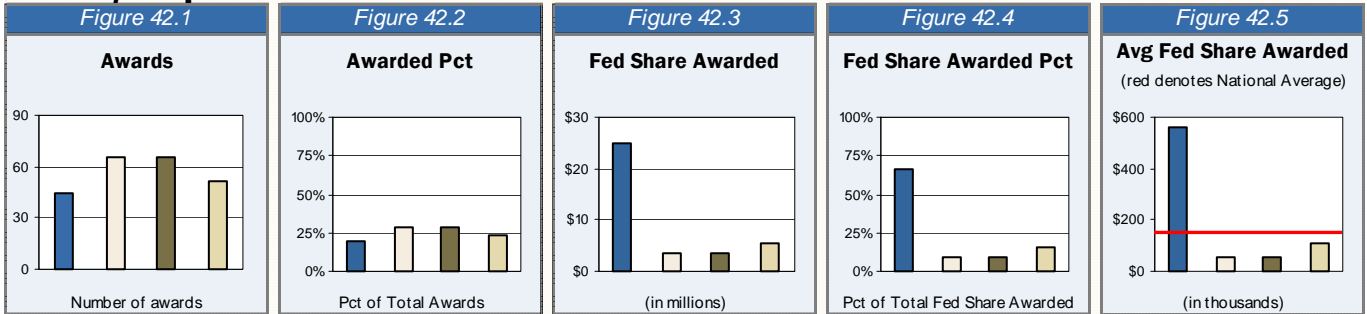
Tables 42 and 43 and Figures 42.1 through 43.4 reflect the statistics for FP&S awards by service area and the amount of Federal funds awarded.

## Awards by Service Area

Table 42

Legend	Service Area	Total Awards	% Total	Total Federal Share Awarded	% Total	Average Federal Share Awarded
	N/A	44	19.5%	\$24,835,727	66.4%	\$564,448
	Rural	65	28.8%	\$3,473,024	9.3%	\$53,431
	Suburban	65	28.8%	\$3,480,656	9.3%	\$53,549
	Urban	52	23.0%	\$5,638,913	15.1%	\$108,441
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$37,428,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$165,612</b>

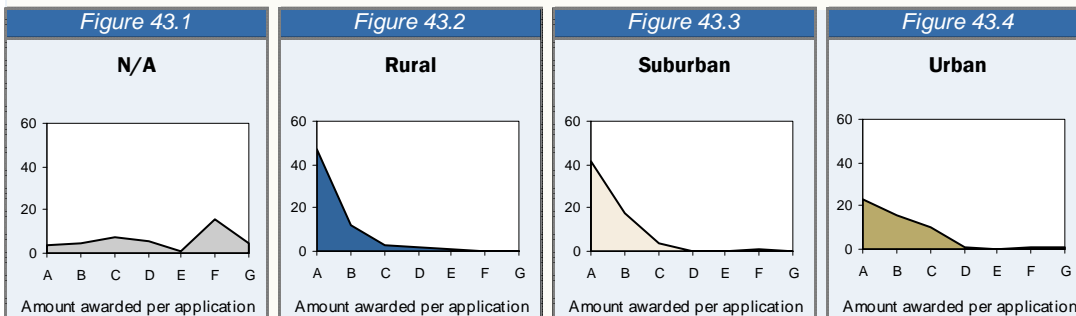
## Charts/Graphs



## Federal Share Awarded per Submittal

Table 43

Legend	Fed Share Awarded	N/A	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	4	47	42	23	116
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	5	12	18	16	51
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	7	3	4	10	24
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	6	2		1	9
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	1	1			2
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	16		1	1	18
G	\$1,000,000 or more	5			1	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>226</b>



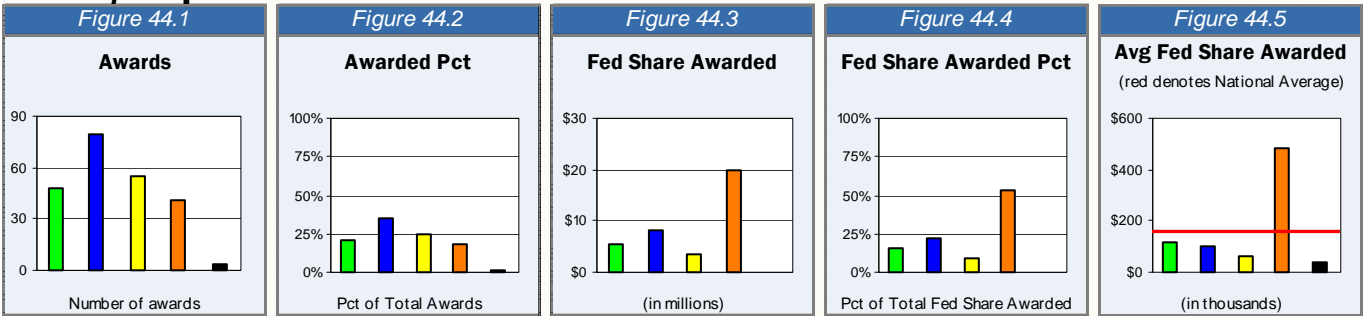
Tables 44 and 45 and Figures 44.1 through 45.5 reflect the statistics for FP&S awards by fire department type.

## Awards by Department Type

Table 44

Legend	Department Type	Total Awards	% Total	Total Federal Share Awarded	% Total	Average Federal Share Awarded
	All Volunteer	48	21.2%	\$5,606,747	15.0%	\$116,807
	Career	79	35.0%	\$8,254,799	22.1%	\$104,491
	Combination	55	24.3%	\$3,550,672	9.5%	\$64,558
	N/A	41	18.1%	\$19,906,320	53.2%	\$485,520
	Paid on Call	3	1.3%	\$109,782	0.3%	\$36,594
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$37,428,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$165,612</b>

## Charts/Graphs



## Federal Share Awarded per Submittal

Table 45

Legend	Fed Share Awarded	All Volunteer	Career	Combination	N/A	Paid on Call	Total
A	Less than \$50,000	30	41	37	6	2	116
B	Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	10	21	12	7	1	51
C	Between \$100,000 and \$299,999	1	11	4	8		24
D	Between \$300,000 and \$499,999	4	2	1	2		9
E	Between \$500,000 and \$749,999	1	1				2
F	Between \$750,000 and \$999,999	2	2		14		18
G	\$1,000,000 or more		1	1	4		6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>226</b>

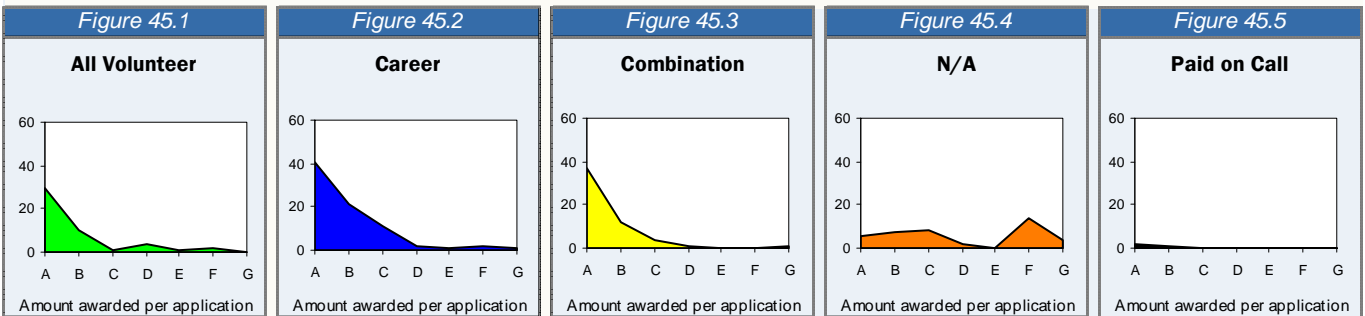


Table 46 depicts a comprehensive breakdown of awards by location.

Table 46					
State	AWARDS		TOTAL FEDERAL SHARE		AVERAGE FEDERAL SHARE
	Awarded	%Total	Total Amount Awarded	%Total	Average Amount Awarded
Alabama	5	2.2%	\$450,910	1.2%	\$90,182
Alaska	1	0.4%	\$685,075	1.8%	\$685,075
Arizona	7	3.1%	\$350,009	0.9%	\$50,001
Arkansas	4	1.8%	\$86,527	0.2%	\$21,632
California	8	3.5%	\$512,474	1.4%	\$64,059
Colorado	8	3.5%	\$319,207	0.9%	\$39,901
Connecticut	3	1.3%	\$124,105	0.3%	\$41,368
Delaware	1	0.4%	\$177,000	0.5%	\$177,000
District of Columbia	3	1.3%	\$2,999,999	8.0%	\$1,000,000
Florida	6	2.7%	\$564,733	1.5%	\$94,122
Georgia	4	1.8%	\$997,803	2.7%	\$249,451
Idaho	2	0.9%	\$65,295	0.2%	\$32,648
Illinois	14	6.2%	\$3,495,295	9.3%	\$249,664
Indiana	8	3.5%	\$2,255,514	6.0%	\$281,939
Iowa	2	0.9%	\$80,278	0.2%	\$40,139
Kansas	2	0.9%	\$80,386	0.2%	\$40,193
Kentucky	2	0.9%	\$73,661	0.2%	\$36,831
Louisiana	2	0.9%	\$106,432	0.3%	\$53,216
Maine	1	0.4%	\$360,974	1.0%	\$360,974
Maryland	6	2.7%	\$3,557,389	9.5%	\$592,898
Massachusetts	9	4.0%	\$4,383,331	11.7%	\$487,037
Michigan	9	4.0%	\$219,623	0.6%	\$24,403
Minnesota	4	1.8%	\$174,466	0.5%	\$43,617
Mississippi	3	1.3%	\$75,525	0.2%	\$25,175
Missouri	4	1.8%	\$919,019	2.5%	\$229,755
Montana	1	0.4%	\$112,606	0.3%	\$112,606
Nebraska	2	0.9%	\$131,850	0.4%	\$65,925
Nevada	1	0.4%	\$30,852	0.1%	\$30,852
New Hampshire	1	0.4%	\$153,668	0.4%	\$153,668
New Jersey	8	3.5%	\$715,287	1.9%	\$89,411
New Mexico	1	0.4%	\$50,000	0.1%	\$50,000
New York	11	4.9%	\$2,197,513	5.9%	\$199,774
North Carolina	9	4.0%	\$426,386	1.1%	\$47,376
North Dakota	1	0.4%	\$18,000	0.0%	\$18,000
Ohio	10	4.4%	\$651,665	1.7%	\$65,167
Oklahoma	5	2.2%	\$511,755	1.4%	\$102,351
Oregon	9	4.0%	\$1,329,954	3.6%	\$147,773
Pennsylvania	12	5.3%	\$1,236,281	3.3%	\$103,023
Rhode Island	1	0.4%	\$126,018	0.3%	\$126,018
South Carolina	3	1.3%	\$85,771	0.2%	\$28,590
South Dakota	1	0.4%	\$7,600	0.0%	\$7,600
Tennessee	8	3.5%	\$983,706	2.6%	\$122,963
Texas	5	2.2%	\$222,432	0.6%	\$44,486
Utah	2	0.9%	\$65,334	0.2%	\$32,667
Virginia	8	3.5%	\$4,110,000	11.0%	\$513,750
Washington	3	1.3%	\$166,641	0.4%	\$55,547
West Virginia	1	0.4%	\$65,200	0.2%	\$65,200
Wisconsin	4	1.8%	\$78,521	0.2%	\$19,630
Wyoming	1	0.4%	\$836,250	2.2%	\$836,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$37,428,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$165,612</b>