



FY2025 PERMA Firefighter Risk Reduction Mini-Grant Program (in collaboration with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs)

Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to members in obtaining equipment that will help reduce duty-related illnesses.

PERMA will award grants to reimburse the purchase of gear washers and dryers, which remove carcinogens from turnout gear while maintaining gear durability.

The PERMA Risk Management Department and NYSAFC will conduct ongoing evaluations of agencies awarded this equipment to determine its effectiveness in preventing illness.

Submission Process

Submission deadline is November 10, 2024.

Eligible fire departments must complete the online form through the "Click Here to Apply" tab within the announcement email. Applicants will receive an email confirmation when their application is received. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and awardees selected by staff from PERMA and NYSAFC.

Awards and Payments

Twenty (20) \$5,000 grants will be awarded.

Applicants will be notified of award decisions. Purchases made prior to an award notification will not be eligible for reimbursement.

The equipment must be ordered within 45 days of award notification from PERMA and a copy of the order confirmation submitted to PERMA.

Payment will be made to awardees upon submission of all required documentation.

An award is intended to assist with payment toward the equipment purchase. It does not ensure reimbursement of the item's full purchase price. Awardees are responsible for paying the balance of any purchase exceeding their award.

Awardees agree to allow PERMA (with reasonable notice) access to fire company facilities and representatives in order to inspect purchased equipment and to interview personnel, and will participate in completing surveys and visual documentation of grant utilization, including but not limited to photos/video of the equipment. PERMA may use said photos/video in publications or other media material produced, used, or contracted by PERMA, including but not limited to newsletters, emails, its website, social media platforms, etc.