

Missouri American Water Announces 2024 Firefighter Grant Program

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (August 1, 2024) – Missouri American Water is accepting applications through August 31, 2024 for its annual Firefighter Grant Program, which provides financial assistance to fire protection and emergency response organizations serving communities in the company's service area.

Grants of up to \$1,200 will be considered to cover the costs of firefighting tools, equipment, personal protective gear, and training. Last year, more than \$55,000 was awarded across the state. Over 200 grants have been awarded since the program began in 2016.

"As the water provider for about one in four Missourians, we continually invest in upgrading our water system to enhance service and reliability, so water is available when our customers and firefighters need it," said Rich Svindland, president of Missouri American Water. "The Firefighter Grant Program is one more way we can strengthen the partnerships we have with local fire districts and support their important work to protect our community."

Uniformed professional and volunteer fire departments serving communities in the company's service territories are eligible to receive funding. Fire departments and protection districts are eligible for one grant per calendar year.

Grants will be considered to cover costs associated with the following:

- Firefighting tools
- Water handling equipment
- Personal protective gear
- Communications equipment
- Training activities and materials

"Missouri American Water is a great partner to the fire service. They work hard to help us protect our communities each day, and the grants they offer fire departments help even more," said Fire Chief Greg Brown.

Fire departments and districts can apply online at missouriamwater.com by clicking News & Community > Community Involvement > Firefighter Grant Program. Fill out the questionnaire and provide required documentation by August 31, 2024.

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