

## Missouri American Water Supports Local Heroes Through 2025 Firefighter Grant Program

Annual program provides critical funding to Missouri fire departments and emergency organizations in the company's service areas.





ST. LOUIS, Mo. (October 8, 2025) –Missouri fire departments and emergency response organizations will receive \$40,000 through Missouri American Water’s 2025 [Firefighter Grant Program](#). The annual program provides supplemental funding for critical equipment, training, and community education. Approximately 330 grants have been awarded since the program began in 2016.

“As the water provider for one in four Missourians, we recognize how essential fire protection is to the strength and safety of the communities we serve,” said Rich Svindland, president of Missouri American Water. “With October marking National Fire Prevention Month, we’re proud to support local fire departments through grants that fund critical training and equipment—helping protect firefighters, first responders, and residents across the state.”

Reliable water service is critical for fire protection, and Missouri American Water is investing more than \$450 million this year to improve service and reliability. Many older water mains are upsized when replaced, increasing water flow to enhance fire protection. The company also maintains and annually tests more than 44,000 fire hydrants throughout the company’s footprint.

Grants will be distributed to 40 fire departments across Missouri. To see a full list of grantees and learn more about the annual program, [click here](#).

#### About Missouri American Water

Missouri American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.6 million people. For more, visit [missouriamwater.com](https://missouriamwater.com) and follow Missouri American Water on [X](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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