

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

For First Responders and the Volunteers Who Work with Them

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Funding and Assistance Resources for Public Safety

NOTE: This list is for the organization that does not want to miss any bets. It's pretty inclusive, especially for nationwide opportunities, but I am sure I have missed some. It also does not take into account local resources. Nor are you all done with research—you'll need to check them out individually, and match opportunities to local needs and assets. I have tried to get you as MUCH information as possible, and have not carefully read and analyzed every opportunity. Plus, I do not know each of your situations. Potentially, not all of these resources will work for your situation, and not all are available right now, to every kind of organization. Even if you find something that looks "perfect" for your need, you may have to wait for a funding cycle, and/or forge collaborations to be competitive. And, some of these opportunities might also already be utilized by an organization in your community, or your parent organization. You will want to take a short list to local and state leaders to check that out, before investing a lot of time in applying separately. Always ask: Are there possibilities for collaboration?

Some of these sources are for equipment, training, information and services, not the money to buy those things.

Please also note that things are constantly changing: this list is only as good as your updates.

How to use this guide: This list is alphabetically arranged, and by the name of the organization. Often, you will need to read the description and/or go to the website to see if the source is really helpful to your situation. So, for example, if you are looking for assistance in getting bullet-proof vests, you may find it specifically in several areas: **Bulletproof Vest Partnership**, **National We Care Foundation Body Armor Program**, **Vests for Life Program**, and you can look as well at programs that are more general but could also fund safety equipment. Then, there are websites listed here that find sources for funding the things law enforcement needs, plus those that have other help for those looking for funding. This may include professional associations. Please see, for example, the **PoliceOne.com Police Grants Page**. And, don't forget the Foundation Center Cooperating Collections listed on page 12 of this document.



**35 Federal Programs To Combat Natural and Unnatural Disasters
Emergency Planning & Assistance Grant Programs of the Federal Government**
http://www.educationmoney.com/emergency_assistance.html

Educationmoney.com repackages information from the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance in an interesting manner.

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding:

1. Safe and vital communities. Programs should address: catastrophe response, youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, teen safe driving.
2. Economic empowerment. Programs should address: financial and economic literacy, insurance education, empowerment for victims of domestic violence.
3. Tolerance, inclusion and diversity. Programs should address: teaching tolerance to youth, ending hate crimes, alleviating discrimination.

www.allstate.com/citizenship/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx

<<http://www.allstate.com/citizenship/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx>>

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

A program of the Preparedness Directorate's Office of Grants and Training in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). This Website provides a description of the three types of grants available and offers resources to help fire departments prepare and submit grant requests.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/grants/afgp/>

Bulletproof Vest Partnership

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>

Funding program for state and local law enforcement agencies to acquire bulletproof vests.

Chief Corporation Public Safety Grants Consulting

<http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/>

This consulting firm posts information about grants of potential interest to public safety and law enforcement as well as the [Fund Finder News Archive](#).

Cintas Reviver Provider Police Grant

<http://www.reviverprovider.org/>

http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le_cintas2004.asp

The goal of the Cintas Reviver Provider Police Grant Program is to put lifesaving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) into the hands of first responders. Winning applicants will receive 4 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training, for no charge. Save lives - according to the American Heart Association, some communities where Public Access Defibrillation programs have been implemented have seen average survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest improve to as high as 50%. Note: contact fund provider to see if program will continue into 2007.

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/whatsnew/whats_new.htm

Through CEDAP, the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) will provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. (ODP)

Communications Technology Concept funding opportunity: The National Institute of Justice is seeking applications to research, develop, and evaluate emerging communication technology solutions for criminal justice agencies. Specific areas of interest include: cellular detection, location, isolation and defeat; locator technologies for personnel and equipment assets; Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology; cognitive radio technology; in-building communications coverage technologies and related information; alternative, cost-effective technologies for interconnection of repeater sites for voice that also enable wireless data services; non terrestrial technologies (satellite and airborne); and mobile hybrid technology for wireless broadband data (i.e., multi-protocol and multi-band technology that seamlessly finds best route and operational band).

Total funding for this solicitation and the number of awards made will depend on the availability of funds and the quality of the applications. The deadline for the concept paper is **November 14, 2007**. If the concept paper is recommended and approved, the applicant will be contacted, invited to submit a full proposal, and given a proposal deadline. A full link to this announcement can be viewed at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000804.pdf>.

Department of Homeland Security Grant Programs

<http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/>

Provides links to Homeland Security grants, FEMA grants, first responder, and research grants.

Department of Homeland Security State by State Homeland Grant Information and Contacts

<http://www.dhs.gov/xgovt/grants/index.shtm>

Disaster Prevention and Relief Grants/Programs Available from the U.S. Government Posted in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/SYSTEM.FUNCTIONAL_AREA_RPT1.show

Click on disaster prevention and relief. Subcategories include: Emergency Preparedness, Civil Relief, Flood Prevention and Control, Emergency Health Services, and Disaster Relief.

Disaster Prevention and Relief Grants/Programs Available from the U.S. Government Posted on Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=CATSEARCH&fundActivity=DPR>

Some of the most current grant opportunities posted by the federal government.



Federal Funding Opportunities for Disaster Prevention and Relief Grants/Programs Posted on Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=CATSEARCH&fundActivity=DPR>

Lists some of the most recent grant programs available. Select disaster prevention as funding activity category.

Federal Surplus Property Programs

http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/fund_finder04_11_19.html

Can't afford brand new equipment for your fire or public safety department? Maybe you can acquire surplus equipment from the U.S. government.

FEMA Disaster Assistance for Individuals

<http://www.fema.gov/assistance/process/guide.shtm>

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Program

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fmagp/index.shtm>

Fire Management Assistance is available to States, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

FEMA Grants and Assistance Programs

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/index.shtm>

FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm>

The objective of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program is to provide assistance to States, local governments, and certain Non-Profit organizations to alleviate suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations.

Fire Protection Grants Available from the U.S. Government

http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.FIND_ASSISTANCE_PROGRAM_DYN.show

choose keyword and type in "fire protection". Courtesy of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Firefighting.com Grant Information Headquarters

<http://www.firefighting.com/grants/GrantHQ.asp>

Firehouse.com Funding and Finance Information

http://cms.firehouse.com/content/section/gen_section.jsp?sectionId=12



Fireless Candles Fundraising

<http://www.cfsi.org/candles/>

The Congressional Fire Services Institute and Home Safety Council have teamed up to provide fire and emergency services organizations as well as other organizations the opportunity to distribute these candles in their local communities.

Funding Alternatives for Fire and Emergency Services

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-141.pdf>

This manual provides information to fire and EMS departments on locating and implementing both traditional and nontraditional methods of funding. It discusses local, state, and federal government sources. Courtesy of the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA.

Funds to Help Fire Departments Secure Equipment

http://www.firstresponder.org/grant_in_aid.htm

The mission of the GSK/Tums Grant-in-aid Program, administered by the First Responder Institute, is to assist fire departments-in-need secure essential equipment. To qualify, the applying organization must be a bona fide fire department with 501(c)(3) status, and show a legitimate need for the requested equipment and a documented inability to purchase requested equipment because of funding shortfalls. Applications will not be considered without matching funds that at least equal the amount requested. Applications may be submitted at any time but are reviewed quarterly.

Grants.gov : Current Federal Funding Opportunities for Disaster Prevention and Relief Grants/Programs

<http://grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=CATSEARCH&fundActivity=DPR>

Select “disaster prevention” as funding activity category.

Hamburger Helper’s MyHometownHelper.com

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/>

Provide support to initiatives that help hometowns across America. Awards will be based on the merit of the project, including its impact and support within the community. Examples of fundable projects include the purchase of playground equipment, community clean-ups, and training volunteer firefighters. All requests for funding must be sponsored by a municipal agency, civic organization, or public school. Applicants can request a one-time award for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$15,000. Multiple awards may be given out each month depending upon the number of applicants and the amount of money requested by each applicant.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program Grants

<http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/state/hmep/hmep.htm>

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program is intended to provide financial and technical assistance as well as national direction and guidance to enhance State, Territorial, Tribal, and local hazardous materials emergency planning and training. The HMEP Grant Program distributes fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials to emergency responders for hazmat training and to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) for hazmat planning.

**International Association of Emergency Managers
Scholarship Program**

<http://www.iaem.com/about/scholarship/intro.htm>

The International Association of Emergency Managers has established the IAEM Scholarship

Program to further the education of students studying the field of emergency management. The mission of the program is to assist the profession by developing students with the intellect and technical skills to advance and enhance emergency management.

International Association of Fire Fighters

<http://www.iaff.org/academy/content/main/scholarships.html>

W. H. "Howie" McClennan Scholarship : Presents awards annually to the sons, daughters or legally adopted children of fire fighters who have died in the line of duty to attend a university, accredited college or school of higher learning in the United States or Canada. To obtain a McClennan Scholarship application please call the IAFF Department of Education at 202-824-1533.

Harvard University Trade Union Program Scholarship : Presents two awards to IAFF members in good standing to attend the Harvard University Trade Union Program.

National Crime Prevention Council

Service Learning Grants to Promote Crime Prevention & Community Service

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/tcc/>

Currently, there are no NCPC grants available, but watch their site, as in the past they have offered grants to support service-learning projects planned and implemented by youth who identify needs and create projects to address or prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse in their schools and communities. These grants are intended to encourage and promote crime prevention, community service, and civic responsibility.

Maximum Award: \$500.

Eligibility: Ages 11-19; Youth must be participating in a Community Works or Youth Safety Corps program or be in a youth group or class of six or more members.

The NCPC website lists "Other Funding Opportunities." I have copied here those that do not specifically rule out Utah, from the current list:

Case Foundation's [Make It Your Own Awards](#) are grants of up to \$35,000 for inspired individuals and teams who will work to make a difference in their community.



[GE Healthcare](#) (PDF) is offering grants between \$1,000 and \$50,000 to 501(c)(3) organizations that focus on youth education and/or promote healthy lives.

[Disney Minnie Grants](#) of up to \$500 are available from the Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America to support youth-led service projects.

The [Tiger Woods Foundation](#) is offering grants ranging between \$2,500 and \$25,000 to 501(c)(3) organizations that focus on under-served youth, ages 5 to 17.

**National Youth Development Information Center
Grant Opportunities**

<http://www.nydic.org/nydic/funding/grants.htm>

Includes foundations, corporate funders, community foundations, federal funding, etc.

**National Volunteer Fire Council
Federal Government Funding Opportunities**

<http://www.nvfc.org/federalfunding.html>

**National We Care Foundation
Body Armor Program**

<http://www.wecarefoundation.org/apply.htm>

http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/le_wecare2004.asp

The National We Care Foundation, a nonprofit organization, assists police officers who are required to purchase their own body armor but cannot afford to do so. In 1991, the Law Enforcement Training Network started a monthly drawing on its satellite network to give away bullet resistant vests to police officers. Several vest companies assisted by donating one vest per month for the first three months. Within those three months, LETN received over 200 letters from officers requesting vests. A number of concerned citizens established the National We Care Foundation in 1992. Since that year, the foundation has awarded body armor to thousands of officers throughout the United States. Today, the foundation sees its mission as providing new vests to law enforcement officers in need and educating them on the importance of body armor usage.

PoliceOne.com Police Grants Page

<http://www.policeone.com/Grants/>

An online tool designed to keep Law Enforcement informed of the availability of grants that can be used to fund technology projects, product purchases, programs or research at their agency. Law Enforcement personnel can review all available grants, search for specific grant information, submit a grant listing (please note this is only to submit a grant listing, NOT to apply for funding), and discuss grant opportunities with other officers.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

<http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/bja/fs000271.txt>

Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2001. 4 pp. FS 000271. Describes the benefits provided through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program to the families of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and rescue workers who serve a public agency in an official capacity and are killed or disabled in the line of duty. This BJA Fact Sheet offers particulars about eligibility for the program, distribution of benefits, and program limitations and exclusions. The program, enacted in 1976 and administered by BJA, was enacted to help in the recruitment and retention of public safety officers and assist their families if tragedy occurs.

Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance Program

<http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/bja/fs000270.txt>

Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2001. 2 pp. FS 000270. Details the educational assistance allowance provided by the Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance Program to eligible survivors of public safety officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. The benefits, paid directly to dependents, can be used to defray such educational expenses as tuition, room and board, books, supplies, and education-related fees. The program, enacted in 1998, came as an amendment to the 1996 Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Act, which

provides educational benefits to eligible survivors of employees of civilian Federal law enforcement agencies.

Responding First to Bioterrorism : Federal Funding Opportunities

<http://www.nap.edu/shelves/first/Funding.html>

Rural Information Center

Resources for Rural Fire Departments

http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/fire_department_resources.htm

There is a wide range of information available regarding all aspects of fire department operation including funding sources for operations, facilities, firefighter equipment, fire trucks and training, and first responder emergencies. This FAQ includes general rural fire information, training programs, statistical information and publications on fire issues that include: emergency medical services, emergency preparedness and first responders facility funding, operation and management, fire safety and prevention, hazardous materials, and wildland fires.



It also lists funding resources.

State Farm Foundation: Safe Neighbors, and Strong Neighborhoods

http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp

State Farm values the importance of keeping our neighbors safe. Its funding is directed to improving driver, vehicle, and roadway safety; shielding homes from fires, criminals, and natural disasters; supporting disaster preparedness programs and recovery services; and enhancing personal financial security.

Surplus Property

Local, State and Federal Surplus programs around the country are also good sources worth checking for miscellaneous equipment. "States sell surplus state and federal property to state agencies, local governments and non-profit institutions. Many states also sell surplus property to the general public - including a wide variety of furniture, supplies, equipment, vehicles and more." Here are a few web pages to check:

State Surplus Property:

<http://fleet.utah.gov/main/index.php?module=Pagesetter&func=viewpub&tid=1&pid=13>

Surplus Property Opportunities from the Federal Government

http://www.educationmoney.com/surplus_property.html

The General Services Administration (GSA) and other Federal agencies dispose of surplus Federal property by lease, permits, sale, exchange, or donation. Competitive bid sales are open to the general public. A compilation provided by EducationMoney.com

Tums First Responder Institute Challenge Grant Program

http://www.firstresponder.org/grant_details.htm

<http://www.firstresponder.org/apply.htm>

Did you know the cost of training and equipping a firefighter is about \$6,000, and protective clothing alone can cost \$2,000? With such high costs, private sector funding is vital to keep

firefighters' equipment up-to-date. One of the largest problems faced by America's volunteer and professional fire service is funding. Most volunteer departments serve small, rural communities and are quite often the only line of defense in those communities.

Unfortunately, these departments are struggling to provide their members with adequate protective clothing and safety devices to protect their communities.

Applications for grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500, may be obtained from the FRI Web site starting in January 2004. Departments can complete the grant form and file it electronically, and any U.S. fire department is eligible to submit a grant application. Every quarter, the FRI board of directors will review the applications and determine who will be funded. Full details on grant criteria and evaluation are posted on this website under Rules and Criteria.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency

Disaster Assistance Programs

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing>

Natural disaster is a constant threat to America's farmers and ranchers and rural residents. The Farm Service Agency provides assistance for losses that result from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornadoes, pest infestation, and other calamities.

U.S. Department of Agriculture / Utah Offices

Food Supply / Homeland Security

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_10B?navid=HOMELANDSECU&navtype=CO

Provides information on rural programs, and a directory of local Utah offices linked through <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>. The programs above are focused on protecting the nation's food supply from terrorists. USDA also has a number of other rural community development programs (<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>). It is worth talking to your local office to see if there is something that will help your program.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Office of Grants and Training

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/>

The Office of Grants and Training (G&T) is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Preparedness Directorate. We are responsible for preparing the nation against terrorism by assisting states, local and tribal jurisdictions, and regional authorities as they prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist acts. G&T provides a broad array of assistance to America's first responders through funding, coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

U.S. Department of Justice

Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/equipment_hder.htm

The Homeland Defense Equipment (HDER) Program is a unique partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants & Training, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Navy and the Health Physics Society. The goal of the HDER Program is to provide surplus radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and long-term technical support, to emergency responder agencies to enhance their homeland security preparedness capabilities. The program was expanded nationwide on June 1, 2003.

U.S. Fire Administration Grants and Funding

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/grants/>

This page contains information on financial assistance available from the U.S. Fire Administration and other Federal agencies for fire departments and other first responders. Highlighted information includes the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and ideas for funding alternatives.

U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance

http://www.sba.gov/localresources/disasteroffices/disaster_recov/index.html

The purpose of the SBA's Disaster Loan Program is to offer financial assistance to those who are trying to rebuild their homes and businesses in the aftermath of a disaster. By offering low-interest loans, the SBA is committed to long-term recovery efforts. The agency will do everything possible to meet the needs of those otherwise unable to put their lives back together.

Vests for Life Program

<http://www.apfh.org/vests.html>

Under the trust of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Police Hall of Fame acts as a clearing house for departments who have used or excess body armor vests which are donated, inventoried, entered into a database at the organization's Miami headquarters and provided to smaller departments who are in need.



Volunteer Fire Assistance Program

http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/partners/vfa/help/table_of_contents.htm

The purpose of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program, formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) Program, is to provide Federal financial, technical, and other assistance to State foresters and other appropriate officials to organize, train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having 10,000 or less population. This 10,000 population limit for participation in the VFA Program facilitates distribution of available VFA funding to the most needy fire departments.

Wal-Mart

- During times of natural disaster, the Wal-Mart Foundation, through our Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB locations, may provide community disaster relief funds to the local [American Red Cross](#) and / or [Salvation Army](#) chapters. Wherever there is a Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB location, the Wal-Mart Foundation can provide a cash donation to these organizations for immediate relief for our customers who we serve in the disaster

areas. The Wal-Mart stores and SAM'S CLUB's will also assist directly by providing donations of needed supplies such as water and snacks during these times.

- The Community Grant Program is the largest program funded by the Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB Foundation and includes both matching and direct grants. The Matching Grant program allows local nonprofit organizations to hold fundraisers outside their local Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB. Wal-Mart and SAM'S can elect to match a portion of the funds raised up to \$1,000. Events held off the premises of a Wal-Mart store or SAM'S CLUB are also eligible for funding when a Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB associate is actively involved in the event. Additionally, once the Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB has met certain criteria in the Matching Grant Program each year, a second source of funding, direct grants, is awarded to the store / club to use in the community. These funds do not require a fundraiser to be held; instead the funds can be awarded directly to a deserving organization.

More than 80,000 grants, totaling \$61 million, were awarded through the Community Grant program last year. Additional funds were also raised by participating community organizations who received matching funds.

Organizations that may qualify to receive funding through the Matching Grant Program are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or organizations that are exempt from needing 501(c)(3) status, such as public schools, faith-based institutions such as churches (must be conducting a project that benefits the community at large), and government agencies.

To learn more about receiving a grant from your local Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB, please see the Community Involvement Coordinator at the location closest to you.

<http://www.walmartfoundation.org/>

Wal-Mart Community Grants Program Public Safety Grants

Examples of what past years' programs helped provide include: The care of two trained canine police dogs for the Metro Atlanta Regional Transportation Authority Police unit; A new drivers education course for local teens, created by the fire department of Parker, Colo. to promote safer driving; Smoke alarms for the Salem Fire Department to distribute to residents in Salem, NH; New equipment for the City of Gonzales Fire Department in Louisiana: Funds will help replace equipment worn from heavy use after the storms and help purchase additional equipment required to serve a now larger population.

For particulars, go to Chief's web page on the subject:

http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/other_walmart.asp



Resources for Getting and Keeping Essential Help



Volunteers are essential to the success of most non-profits, but organizations report a two-edged sword: too many volunteers just get trained, and then they leave. Why? What can be done about that? Some of your questions are answered at this great new web site: **New Web Tool: Volunteer Management Resource Center!**



Some grants won by the other guys are about to benefit you: Idealist.org has a terrific new resource for non-profits, with its Volunteer Management Resource Center. It is funded by a Volunteer IMPACT Fund grant from The UPS Foundation and the National Human Services Assembly. With this Resource Center, you can locate geographic or service-specific networks and professional development opportunities as well as access best practices and resources on topics like:

- Accessibility, Diversity, and Barriers to Volunteering
- Board Service and Skilled Volunteerism
- Communications and Conflict Resolution
- Developing a Volunteer Program
- Disaster Response Volunteering
- Engaging Generations of Volunteers (i.e. Baby Boomers, Older Volunteers, Youth Volunteers)
- Episodic, Informal, Mandated, and Residential Volunteering
- Finding, Screening, Training, Supervising, and Recognizing Volunteers
- Risk Management, Legal Issues, and Ethics
- Organizational Readiness
- Research and Trends in Volunteerism
- Volunteer Program Tracking and Evaluation

Get there with this link: [Idealist's Nonprofit Human Resources Center](https://www.idealists.org/vmrc) or contact:

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www.idealists.org/vmrc

The Foundation Center Cooperating Collections allow you to use a searchable data base to find the funder just right for your situation. In Utah, they are the [GRAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY](#) 🌐, 257 E. Center St. Moab, UT 84532, (435) 259-5421; [SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY](#) 🌐 (3rd Floor). 210 E. 400 S., Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 524-8200 and [UTAH NONPROFITS ASSOCIATION](#) 🌐, 175 S. Main St., Ste. 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 596-1800

Statistics and Data Resources

In addition to local data on your community, your local crime statistics, etc., you may be required to have additional, broader statistics for grant applications. Here are some sources:

- [Fire Resources at NIST](#)
- [National Fire Data Center](#)
- [Emergency Management in County Government: A National Survey](#) , We Clarke, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Flood Maps: www.hazards.fema.gov
- [Congressional Research Service Reports on Terrorism](#)
- [Disability and Health State Chartbook - 2006: Profiles of Health for Adults With Disabilities](#)
- [Certification Chart](#) (list of certifications with sponsoring organizations and URL links, compiled by Dr. Dean Larson, drlarson@jorsm.com)

The US Bureau of Census has always been the standard for gathering demographic statistics, helped by the US Census' American Fact Finder http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en , and American Community Survey <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/> , but it is now easier than ever to find what you need on their site. Read about their *Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Tool Kit* at <http://www.census.gov/field/www/faith/> . Other federal agencies are developing tool kits, too.

Other good sources? The Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/> , the Center for disease control has WONDER which provides a single point of access to a wide variety of reports and statistical public health data at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/> , and for issues affecting children, look to the Annie E. Casey Foundation <http://www.aecf.org/> and their Kids Count section: <http://www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/KIDSCOUNT.aspx> . If you need research studies and findings, try the search engine Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com/> . This is much different from just Googling a subject, in that Google Scholar only includes articles and research data that are “scholarly”; for example, this often means that the article has passed rigorous review of respected peers in the field (“juried” journal articles).

For Utah specific data, try GOPB with its Annual Summary of Local Government Finance Data at <http://www.cppa.utah.edu/lgfd/index.html> , Demographic and Economic Analysis: Utah Data Guide <http://governor.utah.gov/dea/DataGuide.html> , Utah Department of Health data source, <http://ibis.health.utah.gov/home/welcome.html> , and DWS, <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi> .

The Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives publishes a newsletter of tips, news, trainings and especially funding announcements. To sign up, go to http://community.utah.gov/housing_and_community_development/UOFBCI/index.html or send an email to uofbci@utah.gov for a sample newsletter.

You can also request an electronic copy of this handout, so that you can use the links, at uofbci@utah.gov .

Manuals and Guides:

Funding Alternatives for Fire and Emergency Services

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-141.pdf>

This manual provides information to fire and EMS departments on locating and implementing both traditional and nontraditional methods of funding. It discusses local, state, and federal government sources. Courtesy of the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA.

VFIS, a Division of the Glatfelter Insurance Group, has produced a couple of manuals in pdf version, which may be useful. The links are below, but if you have this document as hardcopy only, go to <http://www.vfis.com/resources.htm>.

Links:

[Building Blocks : Building Community Support for Emergency Service Organizations](#)

[Building Grant Proposals and Coalitions: Finding Resources for Sustaining Emergency Service Organizations](#)

The International Association of Emergency Managers <http://www.iaem.com/> has a number of resources, mostly informational, including a links (under Resources)

<http://www.iaem.com/resources/links/intro.htm> to other organizations and information.

One of these has examples of exemplary programs worldwide, run on tight budgets:

The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) has published *Building Disaster Resistant Communities: Good Practices & Lessons Learned*. This publication is the result of joint efforts of the emerging Global Network of NGOs for disaster risk reduction. The publication showcases the essential roles played by NGOs in addressing disaster risks at the local community level and is aimed to stimulate more interest in the subject from donors, policy makers and other stakeholders. Link: [Building a Disaster Resilient Community](#)

Rural Information Center

Resources for Rural Fire Departments

http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/fire_department_resources.htm

There is a wide range of information available regarding all aspects of fire department operation including funding sources for operations, facilities, firefighter equipment, fire trucks and training, and first responder emergencies. This FAQ includes general rural fire information, training programs, statistical information and publications on fire issues that include: emergency medical services, emergency preparedness and first responders facility funding, operation and management, fire safety and prevention, hazardous materials, and wildland fires.
