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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1425-DR]

**Texas; Amendment No. 12 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas, (FEMA-1425-DR), dated July 4, 2002, and related determinations. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 13, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Robuck, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or [Rich.Robuck@fema.gov](mailto:Rich.Robuck@fema.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 4, 2002:

Dimmit County for Public Assistance and Individual Assistance, including direct Federal assistance under section 408 of the Stafford Act, 42 USC 5174.

Duval and San Patricio Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance, including direct Federal assistance under section 408 of the Stafford Act, 42 USC 5174).

Burnet and Coleman Counties for Individual Assistance, including direct Federal assistance under section 408 of the Stafford Act, 42 USC 5174 (already designated for Public Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment

Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Assistance to Firefighters—Fire Prevention and Safety Program**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice of the availability of funds for FY 2002 under the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Program (the Program) as authorized the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974. The Program will make available up to \$10,000,000 of the total appropriated amount of \$360,000,000 for fire prevention activities. FEMA will fund such activities based upon proposals that address the Program's priorities and maximize the benefits to be derived from the funds. FEMA is statutorily mandated to provide these funds to national, State, local, or community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise with respect to fire prevention or fire safety programs and activities. In selecting recipients, FEMA will give priority to organizations that focus on prevention of fire (or fire-related) injuries to children.

**Authority:** Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act) 1701(a), 15 U.S.C. 2229 (2000).

**DATES:** This notice of funds availability is effective August 23, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Cowan, Director, Grants Program Office, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 304, 500 C St. SW., Washington DC 20472, 1-866-274-0960, or [brian.cowan@fema.gov](mailto:brian.cowan@fema.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to advise of the availability of funds for carrying out fire prevention activities pursuant to section 1701(a) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 2229. Up to ten million dollars

(\$10,000,000) will be available for this purpose. FEMA reserves the right to use a portion of these funds to supplement previously awarded prevention grants.

**B. Eligibility**

National, State, local, or community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention or safety programs and activities are eligible to apply for funding through the Program.

**C. Program Requirements**

1. Recipients of grants or parties entering into cooperative agreements through the Program may not receive more than \$750,000 and must agree to maintain in the fiscal year for which the assistance will be received their aggregate expenditures for fire prevention activities at or above the average level of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for which the assistance will be received. They must also agree to a match with non-Federal funds an amount of 30 percent of the assistance received or, in the case of fire departments whose personnel serve jurisdictions of 50,000 or fewer residents, an amount of 10 percent of the assistance received. The matching requirement may be met through in-kind contributions.

2. FEMA may, in its discretion, also enter into contracts for fire prevention activities in order to achieve overall program goals. These contracts may not be subject to the limitations and requirements set forth in the previous paragraph.

3. Fire Departments that receive assistance through the Program must provide information to the national fire incident reporting system (NFIRS) for the period covered by the assistance.

4. Grantees must submit a report to the Director describing how their assistance was used and of the benefits derived from the funded activities.

**D. Application Process**

Through the interim final rule for the Assistance to Firefighters Program published on February 27, 2002 in the **Federal Register**, FEMA invited letters of interest from organizations that wished to be considered for the funding through the Program. Letters were requested to reflect in general terms the content and context of proposed activities. FEMA will send application packets to organizations that submitted letters of interest and to organizations known to be experienced in the fire prevention/safety field. Additionally, other eligible organizations, as specified above in Section B, may request