**2021 State Fire Marshal Firefighter I Training Grant Program**

**Summary:** The Firefighter I Training Grant Program is anticipated to open in early August 2020 to provide funding for the costs of providing Firefighter I or Firefighter I Transition certification courses at State Fire Marshal approved class providers. By partnering with eligible class providers, it is the goal of the State Fire Marshal to ease the costs to local governments, promote shared services, and broaden the availability of these courses throughout Ohio.

**Agency:** Ohio Department of Commerce

**Eligibility:** This opportunity is open to State Fire Marshal-approved class providers.

**Funding:** Grants may cover tuition rates up to $1,100 per student for the Firefighter I Transition level course and up to $1,500 per student for the Firefighter I course.

**Cost Match:** No cost match is required.

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2021, or until funds are exhausted.

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Eligibility Conditions for Class Providers

- A valid Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Service Fire Charter at the Firefighter I Level
- Current good standing with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services
- A burn building facility, acquired structure, or an agreement with a facility to provide live fire training in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association
- Compliance with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency—Open Burning Regulations, OAC 3745-19, if utilizing an acquired structure for live fire training

NOPEC encourages its member communities to consider this opportunity or share it with eligible entities within their communities. Interested parties should contact Norma Fox Horwitz at nfhorwitz@nopec.org. NOPEC’s resource development professionals will advise prospective applicants on the next steps.

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