



Secretary Napolitano Announces More than \$23 Million in Recovery Act Funding for Fire Station Construction Grants



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Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today announced more than \$23 million in Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—designed to support the nation’s first responders while creating jobs and stimulating local economies.

“America’s firefighters play a critical role in disaster prevention and response,” said Secretary Napolitano. “These Recovery Act-funded fire station construction projects and upgrades will strengthen community preparedness and the nation’s emergency response capabilities.”

The 14 Fire Station Construction Grants announced today were selected through a competitive peer review process based on need to build new or modify existing fire stations to enhance response capabilities and protect communities from fire-related hazards. These grants will replace unsafe or uninhabitable structures and expand fire protection coverage in compliance with National Fire Protection Association standards.

These grants come in addition to the ARRA funding for 96 SCG grants announced by Secretary Napolitano in September, 2009.

The Recovery Act provided \$210 million in SCG grant funds to DHS.

ARRA, signed by President Obama on Feb. 17, 2009, provided more than \$3 billion to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and General Services Administration (GSA) in support of homeland security programs.

For more information on SCG, other preparedness grant programs or the Recovery Act, please visit www.dhs.gov, www.dhs.gov/recovery, or www.fema.gov/grants.

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