

# SAFER GRANTS

## Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

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Many of Falmouth's neighboring municipalities have benefitted from SAFER Grants for years.

**Falmouth should also take advantage of SAFER Grants to ensure adequate and safe emergency response times in all parts of town!**

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Town/City	Grant Amount	Year
Bourne	\$1.1 M	2012
Bourne	\$1.3 M	2015
Brewster	\$284 K	2016
Eastham	\$608 K	2017
Hyannis	\$1.7 M	2011
New Bedford	\$12.3 M	2013
New Bedford	\$4.6 M	2016
Plymouth	\$627 K	2010
Plymouth	\$2.0 M	2018
Sandwich	\$1.2 M	2016
South Yarmouth	\$642 K	2011
South Yarmouth	\$645 K	2018
West Barnstable	\$242 K	2014
West Dennis	\$1.4 M	2017

"The purpose of SAFER is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments."

SAFER provides 3-year Grants to assist fire departments by paying a portion of the salaries and benefits of the SAFER-funded positions; to improve staffing levels to ensure adequate personnel to respond and safely perform at incident scenes, providing protection from fire and fire-related hazards in their communities."

"The amount of **Federal funding provided** to a recipient for hiring a firefighter in any fiscal year may not exceed— in the **first and second years of the grant, 75 percent** of the usual annual cost of a first-year firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted; and in the **third year of the grant, 35 percent** of the usual annual cost of a first-year firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted."

**Why have Falmouth officials never applied for a SAFER Grant?**

**SAFER is a federally-funded FEMA program.**

<https://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants-documents>