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## ALLARD ANNOUNCES FEMA GRANT “ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM” LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS CAN APPLY UNTIL MAY 2, 2001

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) application process has begun for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The program, administered by the United States Fire Administration (USFA), will award \$100 million next year to assist local fire departments. Grant applications are due no later than May 2, 2001.

“This FEMA-USFA grant award will help local fire departments get the resources they need to upgrade and improve their equipment,” Allard said “I encourage Colorado fire departments which feel they qualify for assistance to submit their grant application to USFA by the May 2 deadline.”

The USFA will award grants to local fire departments on a competitive basis to those departments which demonstrate the greatest financial need and maximum benefit to be derived from the grant funds. The six categories for which grants will be awarded are training, wellness/fitness, vehicles, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and fire prevention programs.

Fire departments can obtain an application or additional information on the grant program at the USFA website: [www.usfa.fema.gov/grants](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants), the toll free information line 866-274-0960 or send an e-mail to [usfagrants@fema.gov](mailto:usfagrants@fema.gov).

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