

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-224**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA) coordinates with County Departments to identify grant opportunities that may provide funding opportunities to benefit the County; and

**WHEREAS**, staff have identified a new grant opportunity from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (FOUNDATION) designed to provide lifesaving equipment and needed resources to first responders and public safety organizations to help them to better prepare to save lives in the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, The FOUNDATION issued a notice of funding availability for the Public Safety Grant Program which requires applicants to submit a request for funding by July 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, staff have identified projects that qualify for the grant program with no local match required and;

**WHEREAS**, if the County is awarded grant funds, OIA will prepare an agenda item for the Board to accept and approve the grant agreement and recognize and appropriate the awarded grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with the award of a grant under the Program, or the grant itself would negatively impact the interests of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, applying for a grant under the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation serves the overall interest of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

**Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution and are adopted as findings of fact.

**Section 2.** The County Administrator, or designee, is authorized on behalf of the

County to submit a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Program for the purchase of public safety equipment.

**Section 3.** To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

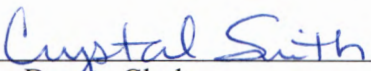
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 21st day of May, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Rendition Date MAY 23 2024

By:   
Sarah Arnold, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By:   
Deputy Clerk



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**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation  
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**Congratulations! Your organization has met Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation's pre-qualification criteria to be considered for a grant.**

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Thank you for your interest in Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, where we are committed to giving back to communities by supporting first responders and public safety organizations with lifesaving equipment and funding resources.

**PLEASE APPLY EARLY**

**IMPORTANT: A maximum of 600 grant applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. Once the maximum number of applications is met, the site will close for the remainder of the quarter.**

- *Applications are considered on a quarterly basis ALL approvals and denials will be emailed to applicants within two months after the grant deadline. Please do not email our Foundation regarding the status of your application.*
- **DO NOT** send email inquiries to the Firehouse Subs Care Center or through the Firehouse Subs EMS survey.
- **DO NOT** phone the Firehouse Subs main office or Firehouse Subs restaurants with grant inquiries.

*The grant process is a partnership. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and compliance.*

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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Please prepare the following attachments before you continue. We cannot consider your application if any of the required information is missing.

- **Background/History**
  - Brief history of your department or organization, and how this grant will benefit your community
  
- **Vendor Equipment Quote/Bid**

*You must provide an official vendor quote with the following information for your grant request to be considered. Submitted quotes MUST meet the requirements below, please read carefully:*

- Vendor sales representative first and last name must be included on quote
- Vendor email address must be included on quote
- The name & *physical* address of your organization must be included
- The first and last name of a contact person from your organization must be included
- Only one vendor quote can be submitted. Your application will not be considered if more than one quote is submitted.
- Quotes must be itemized
- Online quotes will not be accepted
- Must be dated within six months of the application deadline
- Must contain *only* the item(s) pertaining to your grant request
- The total dollar amount and equipment quantities in the vendor quote **MUST MATCH** the total that your department is requesting on the application
- Include sales tax and freight charges, if applicable. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for additional shipping costs or tax not included in the quote.
- Maintenance plans and extended warranties are not permissible
- Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for restocking fees or costs related to errors within your quote

**Note:** When requesting a quote/bid from a vendor, please share our quote requirements and notify them that you are applying for a grant from our Foundation.

### **Most Recent Financial Information**

*Financials must show revenue and expenses and list the name of your organization, city or county. One of the following options must be submitted:*

- A recent - within one month - Balance Sheet which consists of Assets and Liabilities
- A recent - within one month - Profit & Loss Statement also called an Income Statement
- A current year annual budget showing projected income and expenses
- A previous year audit or 990

- **Equipment Inventory**

*Inventory documentation must list the name of your organization.*

- Equipment inventory is required for first responder organizations only. If your organization does not have apparatus, vehicles or specialized equipment, please attach a document noting that the organization does not have any applicable inventory.



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- First Responder Organizations: Please include a list of apparatus, vehicles and other specialized equipment. The lists we receive vary in length depending on the size and type of organization. (For example, include items such as vehicles, extrication equipment, breathing devices, and personal protective equipment/PPE)
- **Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018)** ○ *Please contact your accounting department or treasurer to obtain a completed W-9 form. Your application will not be considered if any of the following sections of your W-9 are missing.*
  - Name as shown on your income tax return
  - Entity Name, *if different from line 1*
  - Federal Tax Classification (including Other explanation if required) ▪ Exempt payee code (if any)
  - Address
  - City, State & Zip Code
  - Employer ID Number (EIN)
  - Signed by an official of the organization
  - Dated no more than one year from the submission date of this application

[CLICK HERE to preview samples of completed W-9 forms.](#)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & TIPS

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**Please Apply Early. A maximum of 600 applications are accepted on a quarterly basis.** Please **do not** contact area restaurants or Firehouse Subs Care center with grants questions.

### **What does the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation support?**

Our Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders, non-profits and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within our funding guidelines via [firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas](http://firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas).

### **Are there items that your Foundation does not support?**

All requests must fall within our funding guidelines found on our website via [firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas](http://firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas). Examples of items that are not supported by our board of directors include:

- body cameras
- building exhaust removal systems
- crash data boxes
- dash cams
- drones and drone accessories
- exercise equipment
- guns/firearms/use of force equipment, riot gear, laser pointers (designators) & tasers
- inflatable bounce houses
- license plate readers
- Narcan & TruNar analyzers
- Cardiac Science Powerheart G3 AEDs & Philips FR3 AEDs
- Polar Breeze thermal rehabilitation systems

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- portable message signs
- power load stretchers
- promotional items including apparel, costumes & Pluggie the fire plug/Sparky the Fire Dog robots
- radar detectors
- recording devices
- refurbished equipment
- security systems & surveillance equipment
- stop sticks
- throw bots
- traffic road barriers

**Who can apply for this grant?**

Fire Departments, law enforcement, EMS, municipal & state organizations, public safety organizations, nonprofits and schools are encouraged to apply for lifesaving equipment.

**If my organization has received a grant award from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past, when can we reapply?**

We ask that grant recipients wait a minimum of two years from the date of approval before reapplying.

**Does the Foundation provide reimbursements for purchased equipment?**

No. If your organization has already purchased the equipment and is seeking reimbursement, please do not apply.

**What are the most common reasons a grant application is marked incomplete?**

- Quote is missing the required contact information and/or is not itemized
- Financials are outdated and/or do not include both revenues and expenses
- Alternate contact information is the same contact information as the main contact information
- The name of the organization is missing on the inventory and/or financials • W9 form is missing the required information

**Can my organization submit multiple grant applications?**

The Foundation does not accept more than one grant request per organization each quarter. If your organization receives a grant, please wait a minimum of two years from the date of approval to apply again.

**Is the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant a matching grant?** There are no matching funds involved in our organization's grants program.

**If my request is more or less than \$20,000 will it be considered?**

\$15,000-\$25,000 is a guideline. Requests exceeding \$50,000 will be denied.

**What financial information should we provide?**

*Financials must show revenue and expenses and list the name of your organization, city or county. One of the following options must be submitted:* ○ A recent - within one month - Balance Sheet which consists of Assets and Liabilities ○ A recent - within one month - Profit & Loss Statement also called an Income Statement ○ A current year annual budget showing projected income and expenses ○ A previous year audit or 990

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### **What is needed for the required vendor quote/bid attachment?**

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- Quote must be itemized ○ Online quotes will not be accepted
- Must be dated within six months of the application deadline ○ Must contain *only* the item(s) pertaining to your grant request
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- The cost of maintenance plans and extended warranties are not permissible
- Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for restocking fees or costs related to errors within your quote

Note: When requesting a quote/bid from a vendor, please share our quote requirements and notify the vendor that you are applying for a grant from our Foundation.

### **What inventory information should I provide?**

Equipment inventory is required for first responder organizations only. If your organization does not have apparatus, vehicles or specialized equipment, please attach a document noting that the organization does not have any applicable inventory, and include the name of your organization on the document.

For first responders: The inventory documentation must list the name of your organization. Please include a list of apparatus, vehicles and other specialized equipment, if applicable. The lists we receive vary in length depending on the size and type of organization. (For example, include items such as vehicles, extrication equipment, breathing devices, and personal protective equipment/PPE).

### **If my department is located more than 60 miles from a Firehouse Subs restaurant, should I still apply?**

Our Foundation focuses its resources in areas served by Firehouse Subs restaurants, however, we recognize the need of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country, and will consider applications outside of the 60-mile guideline.

### **When can we expect to find out if our grant has been approved or denied?**

Grant award notifications will be emailed to ALL applicants within two months after the grant deadline. Please do not contact the Foundation, restaurants or the Firehouse Subs Care Center with questions regarding your grant status.

### **Does Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation fund requests for "use of force"?**

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not accept grant requests for "use of force" items such as guns, tasers, riot gear, or firearm simulators.



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**Does the Foundation only work with specific equipment vendors?**

No, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not endorse any specific equipment vendor or brand. Our goal is to provide the equipment that best fits the needs of our recipients, at the best possible price, to enable us to help more organizations.

**Does the Foundation fund requests for refurbished equipment?** We do not accept grant requests for refurbished or pre-owned equipment.

**Does the Foundation fund requests for patent-pending equipment?** We do not accept grant requests for patent-pending products.

**Does the Foundation accept requests for partial funding?**

We will consider requests for partial funding, however, the balance of funds must be secured and outlined within your grant request. Documentation of partial funding must be included as part of your background/history attachment.

**We are unable to provide any additional assistance due to the volume of applications received daily. For technical questions, please email [Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com](mailto:Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com).**

**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Scholarships Program FAQs**

**How can an individual apply for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation scholarship?**

The scholarship program is open to community members as well as Firehouse Subs employees planning to enroll in a part-time or full-time firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) program at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational technical school for the upcoming academic year. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**How can accredited schools apply for scholarship funding?**

Accredited schools can apply for scholarship funding in support of firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) programs by completing the online grant applications via [grants.firehousesubs.com](http://grants.firehousesubs.com).

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## ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

Applicant First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Title\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_ (we prefer an official email address for your organization/department)

Applicant Cell Phone Number \* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note, this information cannot be edited once submitted.

## APPLICANT and DEPARTMENT INFORMATION Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Application

Organization/Department: (this must be your organization's official name) \_\_\_\_\_

Department Tax ID # (xx-xxxxxxx): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization

Phone Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Applicant\* First and Last Name: (must be different from main applicant first & last name)

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Secondary Applicant\* Cell Phone Number: (must be different from main applicant phone number)

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Secondary Applicant\* Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Applicant\* Email Address: (must be different from main applicant email) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Contact information for **two separate individuals** must be included in order for your application to be considered.

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Communities Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Runs/Calls for Service per Year (for fire, EMS and police only): \_\_\_\_\_

- Local Approval Pre-Qualifications** (Select the option that applies to your department/organization)
- As required by our community, this request has been presented and approved by our local government as part of our process when applying for external funding.
  - Our jurisdiction requires approval from local officials once the award is granted.
  - Our jurisdiction does not require pre-approval from local officials.

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## **APPLICATION REQUEST INFORMATION**

*Please select the type of grant you are requesting:*

**Equipment Donation/Prevention Education Items**

**Scholarships/Continuing Education**

- Please note, our Foundation only reviews scholarship/continuing education grants connected with accredited schools
- For all-terrain wheelchair grant applications, email [foundation@firehousesubs.com](mailto:foundation@firehousesubs.com) to request a paper allterrain wheelchair grant application, and please title the email All-Terrain Wheelchair Grant Request

### **EQUIPMENT DONATION/PREVENTION EDUCATION ITEMS**

**The Foundation will determine the procurement method if your grant is approved. The equipment purchase will be implemented in one of two ways:**

**1) The Foundation Team will purchase the requested equipment on your behalf**, and the vendor will ship it directly to your organization. Upon delivery, you must email a *signed & dated* copy of the packing slip to the Foundation.

OR

**2) You will receive a Memo of Understanding from the Foundation.** Once it is signed by both parties, you will receive funding via ACH Transfer to make your purchase according to the approved vendor quote. After you receive your equipment, you must email *signed and dated* copies of all invoices to the Foundation within one week of delivery.

What Equipment are you requesting? Please include the quantity of each item. \_\_\_\_\_

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Vendor company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sales representative first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sales representative email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the TOTAL cost of the equipment?

Include sales tax and shipping, where applicable. Requests exceeding \$50,000 will not be accepted.

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I understand that in order to be considered for funding, the total dollar amount and equipment quantities listed on the submitted quote/bid must match the total above.

Has your department applied for this specific request in the past and been denied?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, how many times, prior to this application, has this request been submitted? \_\_\_\_\_



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Briefly explain how the equipment will benefit your community and your department.

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This would have a direct impact on more than \_\_\_\_\_ children and \_\_\_\_\_ senior citizens in our community. (For prevention education items.)

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Have you unsuccessfully reached out to the city for funds to purchase the equipment?

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Was there a particular instance where a life would have been positively impacted if you would have had the equipment available?

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What positive effects will the equipment specifically have? Please describe how the requested equipment or funding would benefit your local community. We ask that you do not cite national statistics.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTINUED EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**Please note:**

Our Foundation only reviews scholarships/continuing education grants connected with accredited schools.

For all-terrain wheelchair grant applications, please email [foundation@firehousesubs.com](mailto:foundation@firehousesubs.com) to request a paper All-Terrain Wheelchair Grant Request.

If you are requesting funds for scholarships or continued education:

How do you plan to use the funds requested? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the amount of funding you are requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

How many scholarships would the requested funding provide? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe the selection and distribution process for the requested scholarship funding. \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your department applied for this specific request in the past and been denied? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, how many times, prior to this application, has this request been submitted? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a detailed description of how the funding will assist your organization:

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### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

What positive effects will the funds specifically have? Please describe how the requested funding would benefit your local community. We ask that you do not cite national statistics.

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### **FIREHOUSE SUBS RELATIONSHIP**

Address of Firehouse Subs location nearest you:

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How far is this location from your department? \_\_\_\_\_ Miles

How did you hear about our organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your department received funding from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past two years?

This information will be verified, if submitted incorrectly it will result in an automatic denial.  Yes  No

It is strongly recommended and greatly appreciated that your organization acknowledges the donation by displaying our Foundation logo on donated items/equipment whenever possible. Please note that the artwork will need to be approved by our Foundation team before being displayed.

If approved for funding we may facilitate a media presentation/press event at a local Firehouse Subs restaurant to demonstrate the equipment and acknowledge the donation. It may take up to a year depending

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on location and donation delivery timeframe. In the meantime, we ask that any immediate media announcements regarding the grant award be approved by the Foundation.

By applying, you grant Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (the "Foundation") permission to use your organization's name and identifying trademarks in connection with this application and in connection with the Foundation's solicitations for support.

Initial Acceptance

PIO (Public Information Officer) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not have a PIO, please list a contact for event planning and publicity. This individual will need to be readily available by email and phone.)

PIO e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ PIO phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION**  
**PRINT/VIDEO RELEASE**

Applicant First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The organization listed above, and its affiliates, hereby grant Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc., Firehouse Restaurant Group, Inc. (including its subsidiaries and affiliates) and its officers, directors, nominees, designees, successors, and assigns (hereinafter called "Producer"), permission to use, assign, convey, reproduce, copyright, and publish images or visual likenesses, names, and/or voices ("Personal Information") in any video, photograph, sound or other recording, and/or other media for commercial, informational, educational, advertising, or promotional purposes.

The organization hereby waives any right to inspect or approve the finished product or the advertising copy which may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

The organization hereby releases, discharges, and agrees to hold harmless Producer from any liability of any nature or description by virtue of any use whatsoever of Personal Information, whether intentional or otherwise, including but not limited to any change that may occur or be produced in the taking of said pictures or images or in the recording of any sound, or in any processing in connection with the completion of the finished product.

By checking this box, the organization listed above, and its affiliates, agree to the terms of the print/video release.



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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Before submitting, please check that your application has been submitted completely by reviewing the checklist below. Your application will not be considered if any of information requested throughout the application is missing.**

### Applicant & Alternate Contact Information

- Main applicant contact information must differ from alternate contact information
  - First and last name, email address and phone number must differ

### Background/History Attachment

- Has the following documentation been submitted?
- Background/History- Brief history of your department or organization, and how this grant will benefit your community

### Vendor Equipment Quote/Bid

- Does the submitted vendor equipment quote/bid include the following information?
  - Vendor sales representative first and last name
  - Vendor email address
  - The name & *physical* address of your organization
  - The first & last name of a contact person from your organization
  - Only one vendor quote has been submitted
  - The quote must be itemized
  - The quote is dated within six months of the application deadline
  - The quote *only* includes item(s) pertaining to your grant request
  - The total dollar amount and equipment quantities in the vendor quote **MATCH** the total that your department is requesting
  - Include sales tax if applicable and freight charges, if applicable. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for additional shipping costs or sales tax not included in the submitted quote.
  - Sales tax and freight charges are included, if applicable

Please note: The cost of maintenance plans and extended warranties are not permissible and should not be included in submitted quotes.

### Most Recent Financial Information

- Does the submitted financial information include the following information?
  - The organization, city or county name
  - Both revenue and expenses
  - One of the following:
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### **Equipment Inventory**

- Does the submitted equipment inventory include the following information?
  - Organization name
  - A list of your organization's apparatus, vehicles and other specialized equipment

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### **Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018) •**

Does the submitted W-9 include the following requirements?

- Name as shown on your income tax return
- Entity Name, *if different from line 1*
- Federal Tax Classification (including Other explanation if required)
- Exempt payee code (if any)
- Address
- City, State & Zip Code
- Employer ID Number
- Signed by an official of the organization
- Dated no more than one year from the submission date of this application