

## System for Award Management (SAM.gov) profile

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### VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Information current from SAM.gov as of:

**04/07/2024**

UEI-EFT:

**RBMJHJNKTE15**

DUNS (includes DUNS+4):

**175795681**

Employer Identification Number (EIN):

**956000944**

Organization legal name:

**VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Organization (doing business as) name:

Mailing address:

**165 DURLEY AVE CAMARILLO, CA 93010-8586**

Physical address:

**165 DURLEY AVE CAMARILLO, CA 93010-8586**

Is your organization delinquent on any federal debt?

**N**

SAM.gov registration status:

**Active as of 02/18/2024**

☒ We have reviewed our bank account information on our SAM.gov profile to ensure it is up to date

## Applicant information

Please provide the following additional information about the applicant.

Applicant name

**Ventura County Fire Department**

## Main address of location impacted by this grant

Main address 1 **165 Durley Avenue**

Main address 2

City **Camarillo**

State/territory **CA**

Zip code **93010**

Zip extension **8586**

In what county/parish is your organization physically located? If you have more than one station, in what county/parish is your main station located? **Ventura**

## Applicant characteristics

The FP&S (Fire Prevention and Safety) program intends to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. Grant funds are available in two activities: Fire Prevention and Safety Activity and Research and Development Activity. Please review the Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on available categories within each activity area and for more information on the evaluation process and conditions of award. Please provide the following additional information about your organization.

Activity: **Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)**

Applicant type: **Fire Department/Fire District**

What kind of organization do you represent? **All Paid/Career**

Do you currently report to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)? You will be required to report to NFIRS for the entire period of the grant. **Yes**

Please enter your FDIN/FDID.

56020

## Operating budget

What is your organization's operating budget for programs that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards (including fire prevention, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, wildfire prevention, and firefighter health and safety research and development)? Please include costs (e.g., personnel, maintenance of apparatus, equipment, facilities, utility costs, purchasing expendable items, etc.) for the current (at the time of application) fiscal year, as well as the previous two fiscal years.

Current fiscal year:

**2023**

Fiscal Year	Operating budget
2023	\$193,335,669.00
2022	\$186,785,363.00
2021	\$174,430,656.00

Please explain the applicant's need for financial assistance to carry out the proposed project(s). Provide detail about the applicant's total operating budget, including a high-level breakdown of the budget. Describe the applicant's inability to address financial needs without federal assistance. Discuss other actions the applicant has taken to meet their needs. Include information on efforts to obtain funding elsewhere and how similar projects have been funded in the past.

**The County of Ventura and all of its cities are Federal and State Housing and Urban Development (HUD) communities, comprised of both urban and rural areas. Ventura was one the hardest hit counties in one of the hardest hit states in the COVID-19 economic downturn, as California issued strict stay at home guidelines, closing numerous tax generating businesses forever and never to re-open. According to the Economic Development Collaborative for Ventura County, of all coastal counties we ranked 2nd to lowest in economic growth even before the COVID-19 pandemic further reduced tax revenues. All three IAFF Fire Departments rely heavily on taxes for its revenues and further impacted with the rapidly rising pension and healthcare costs. This region has been heavily affected by these circumstances, experiencing an immediate slowdown on development projects and other revenue generating initiatives, The fire department continues to delay capital improvement projects, translating into the reality that desperately needed fire engine replacement, radios, PPE, and other pertinent equipment have not been replaced. The regions aging infrastructure creates an unsustainable capital budget expenditures and requires existing financial resources to be spread out amongst several services, bureaus, and programs. This means capital expenditure**

is often to deal with emergent matters. The legacy of the financial crisis has meant the continued suspension of programs and staffing reductions. Public Safety Unions have agreed to pay cuts and increased employer contributions to pension funds and health care insurance. However, even with these concessions, we are still grappling with increasing pension costs that have now passed 30% of payroll. The unfunded pension liabilities are now over \$1 billion for public employees in Ventura County. Furthermore, legislation at the state level has created unintended liabilities for the County. Additionally, the economic impact has led us to implement rollbacks, furloughs of employees, layoffs, and cancellation of programs and funding. All three fire departments have lost officer positions and left administrative positions vacant. The City of Santa Paula relinquished their fire service to VCFD, when FEMA SAFER funding was exhausted, creating several million in unfunded liabilities. We closed two fire stations forever, converted one to a seasonal station, and finally another is staffed only 4 days a week during daytime hours only to reduce operating costs. Of our current budget, the majority at 80% is dedicated to personnel compensation due to the high cost of living in the region, and the remaining is used for capital improvements and equipment maintenance. Our small reserve funds are mandated only for unforeseen costs necessary and vital to operate the fire department as all three fire departments are self-insured to save us from paying high insurance costs. The governing body and regulations of Ventura County limit any of its departments from accepting large donations from private entities or holding any large fundraising events, due to conflict of interest possibilities. California's eight years of extreme drought left for years fertile lands and aquifers dry, impacting the regions number one producing commodity which is agriculture. The jurisdiction has been impacted by some the largest wildfires in California history, destroying thousands of homes and businesses and associated lost tax revenues. Suppression costs for the fires have stretched the budget even further. Financial resources have been tested to the breaking point. If the requested funding is not approved, the training requested necessary to keep firefighters safe and to protect the communities residents, workers, and visitors safe cannot be meet, and we will not have the resources to complete a training expenditure of this size.

In cases of demonstrated economic hardship, and upon the request of the grant applicant, the FEMA Administrator may grant an Economic Hardship Waiver. Is it your organization's intent to apply for an Economic Hardship Waiver?

No

## Other funding sources

This fiscal year, are you receiving Federal funding from any other grant program for the same purpose for which you are applying for this grant?

No

This fiscal year, are you receiving Federal funding from any other grant program regardless of purpose?

Yes

Please provide an explanation for other funding sources in the space provided below.

**We are receiving funding from Federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development), some reimbursement for communication equipment, fire prevention code enforcement, and disaster recovery funding. The aggregate total equates to less than 1% of our fire department general operating budget.**

## Community description

Please provide the following additional information about the community your organization serves.

What type of community does your organization serve?

**Rural**

What is the permanent resident population of your first due response zone/jurisdiction served?

**576000**

Please describe your organization and/or community that you serve.

Located in Southern California, the Ventura County Fire Department (IAFF L1364) was established as a dependent special district in 1928. At the time of its formation, the district protected 1,873 square miles and a population of just less than 55,000. Today, the total area protected has not changed significantly, but the population has increased tenfold to just over 576,000. The fire department provides its service with 36 companies with a work force of over 580 dedicated sworn and civilian employees. We have fire apparatus which includes helicopters, bulldozers, fire engines, ladder trucks, water tenders, aircraft crash units, hazardous materials unit, USAR trucks, and watercraft including a fireboat. In its earliest stages, the fire department responded to only fires. That has changed with the public's expectation that the department provide all-risk emergency services. The department provides regional fire, rescue and emergency medical service (EMS) services to an ever-changing community. In addition to fighting all types of fires, personnel respond to medical emergencies, traffic accidents, land and water rescues, hazardous materials calls, and a variety of everyday public service needs. Additionally, the fire department is also responsible for regional dispatching calls for service from its Operational Area Fire Communications Center. In 2022, serving a population exceeding 800,000, the dispatch center answered more than 250,000 calls for service and dispatched over 100,000 incidents. The department provides fire protection to the unincorporated areas of the County as well as the cities of Port Hueneme, Ojai, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Paula, and offshore ocean response to neighboring islands, housed out of 34 fire station locations. Large scale emergencies, with durations from days to multiple weeks are not uncommon to the department. In fact, the County has had nine Presidential declarations of disaster in the past 16 years. Seasonal weather patterns in late summer to winter create the proverbial perfect storm for wind driven wildland fires, as we recently hosted California's one of the largest wildfires in history; it incinerated 440 square miles and 1000 homes. The department has also been faced with managing significant incidents involving hazardous materials releases and mud slides requiring multi-day, mutual aid USAR responses. Geographically, the area lies in a region that is prone to and has experienced many earthquakes which have resulted in significant damage.

## Grant request details

**Grand total: \$429,820.00**

Program area: Fire prevention and safety

▶	Activity: Code Enforcement/Awareness	\$429,820.00
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Grant request summary

The table or tables below summarize the number of items and total cost within each FP&S activity category you have requested funding for. This table or tables will update as you change the items within your grant request details.

Fire prevention and safety

Activity – Project	Number of items	Total cost
Code Enforcement/Awareness-First Time or Reinstatement of Code Adoption/Enforcement Ventura County Regional Reinstatement of Code Adoption/Enforcement	3	\$429,820.00
Total	3	\$429,820.00

Is your proposed project limited to one or more of the [following activities](#) ⓘ : Planning and development of policies or processes. Management, administrative, or personnel actions. Classroom-based training. Acquisition of mobile and portable equipment (not involving installation) on or in a building.

Yes

Budget summary

**Budget summary**

<b>Object class categories</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel	\$79,600.00	\$79,600.00	\$159,200.00
Fringe benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$79,600.00	\$79,600.00	\$159,200.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual	\$55,710.00	\$55,710.00	\$111,420.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total direct charges</b>	\$214,910.00	\$214,910.00	\$429,820.00
Indirect charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$214,910.00	\$214,910.00	\$429,820.00
Program income			\$0.00
<b>Non-federal resources</b>			
Applicant			\$20,467.62
State			\$0.00
Other sources			\$0.00
Remarks			

The 3 participating fire departments have sufficient funds to allocate for the local cost share

Object class categories	Year 1	Year 2	Total
<b>Total Federal and Non-federal resources</b>			
Federal resources	\$204,676.19	\$204,676.19	\$409,352.38
Non-federal resources	\$10,233.81	\$10,233.81	\$20,467.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$214,910.00</b>	<b>\$214,910.00</b>	<b>\$429,820.00</b>

## Contact information

Did any individual or organization assist with the development, preparation, or review of the application to include drafting or writing the narrative and budget, whether that person, entity, or agent is compensated or not and whether the assistance took place prior to submitting the application?

No

## Secondary point of contact

Please provide a secondary point of contact for this grant.

The Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) who submits the application will be identified as the primary point of contact for the grant. Please provide one secondary point of contact for this grant below. The secondary contact can be members of the fire department or organizations applying for the grant that will see the grant through completion, are familiar with the grant application, and have the authority to make decisions on and to act upon this grant application. The secondary point of contact can also be an individual who assisted with the development, preparation, or review of the application.

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## Assurance and certifications

OMB number: 4040-0007, Expiration date: 02/28/2025 [View burden statement](#)

### SF-424B: Assurances - Non-Construction Programs

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Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have any questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of

- 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
  8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
  9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
  10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
  11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
  12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
  13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
  14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

## Certifications regarding lobbying

OMB Number: 4040-0013

Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

### Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

## Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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## SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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Complete only if the applicant is required to do so by 44 C.F.R. part 18. Generally disclosure is required when applying for a grant of more than \$100,000 and if any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Further, the recipient shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event described in 44 C.F.R. § 18.110(c) that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by the applicant.

The applicant is not currently required to submit the SF-LLL.

## Notice of funding opportunity

I certify that the applicant organization has consulted the appropriate Notice of Funding Opportunity and that all requested activities are programmatically allowable, technically feasible, and can be completed within the award's Period of Performance (POP).

## Accuracy of application

I certify that I represent the organization applying for this grant and have reviewed and confirmed the accuracy of all application information submitted. Regardless of intent, the submission of information that is false or misleading may result in actions by FEMA that include, but are not limited to: the submitted application not being considered for award, enforcement actions taken against an existing award pending investigation or review, or referral to the DHS Office of Inspector General.

## **Authorized Organizational Representative for the grant**

By signing this application, I certify that I understand that inputting my password below signifies that I am the identified Authorized Organization Representative for this grant. Further, I understand that this electronic signature shall bind the organization as if the application were physically signed and filed.

## **Authorization to submit application on behalf of applicant organization**

By signing this application, I certify that I am either an employee or official of the applicant organization and am authorized to submit this application on behalf of my organization; or, if I am not an employee or official of the applicant organization, I certify that the applicant organization is aware I am submitting this application on its behalf, that I have written authorization from the applicant organization to submit this application on their behalf, and that I have provided contact information for an employee or official of the applicant organization in addition to my contact information.