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## **New York American Water Announces Annual First Responder Grant Program**

*Deadline to Apply is April 6, 2018*

**Merrick, NY (February 2, 2018)**—New York American Water is proud to announce its 2018 grant program for volunteer fire departments and emergency responders located in the water company’s service areas. Every year, this grant funding goes to support the bravery and heroism of volunteer firefighters and first responders in our communities.

“We are proud to once again offer this opportunity that provide assistance to the brave men and women volunteering their time and skills to safeguard the people who live and work in the communities we serve, including our employees,” said Richard Kern, New York American Water’s Production Manager. “Having been a volunteer firefighter for more than 30 years, I know the importance of training programs and maintaining equipment, which is why it’s such a privilege to offer this assistance to groups of deserving individuals.”

New York American Water will award grants to cover the costs associated with purchasing personal protective gear, communications equipment, firefighting tools, water handling equipment, training and related activities and materials that will be used to support volunteer firefighter and emergency responder operations (e.g., ambulance and first aid squads). Reimbursement for specific fire training classes, including the cost of training manuals and student workbooks, is also eligible. Regional or countywide applications are encouraged to maximize the number of fire and emergency organizations that would benefit from the grants.

To apply, organizations must submit an [application](#), complete with the following information:

- Contact information, including name and phone number
- Description of the organization(s) seeking support, including company name, address of company and county in which the company is located
- Overview of the specific project to be funded
- Grant amount requested
- Problem/challenges that the project will address
- Timeframe for implementation of the project
- Summary of other sources being approached for support of the project
- In addition to the letter of application, a project budget should be included

The First Responder Grant Program is not funded by customer rates. The maximum grant amount awarded to any organization is \$1,000, and the deadline to apply is **April 6, 2018**. Interested applicants

can find more information and apply online at [www.newyorkamwater.com](http://www.newyorkamwater.com) under [News and Community, Community Involvement](#). Grant recipients will be notified at the end of April.

***About New York American Water:***

*[New York American Water](#), a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest investor-owned water company in New York, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 350,000 people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. The company employs 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).*

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