2026 – 27 FCEMS GRANT PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES

October 20, 2006 – To be eligible for the increased merger funding available with this grant, fire companies or EMS services must have merged their use of equipment, personnel, and services on or after October 20, 2006. **Organizations that merged prior to October 20, 2006, will not be eligible for the increased funding.**

July 1, 2026- Eligible projects initiated and paid for between July 1, 2026 – September 1, 2027 will be considered as eligible projects for the 2026-27 grant year.

July 1, 2026 – To qualify for the Certification Bonus Points, an individual must have been certified at a minimum level of Fire Fighter 1 on or before July 1, 2026, by the National Professional Qualifications Board or by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and verified by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

July 31, 2026 – PennFIRS incidents for FIRE and RESCUE companies **must be reported through 7/31/26** to be considered current and eligible to apply for the 2026-27 FCEMSGP grant.

August 1, 2026 – Deadline for submitting merger paperwork to apply as a merged company for the 2026-27 grant.

September 8, 2026 - The 2026-27 FCEMS Grant application opens at 8:00 a.m.

October 22, 2026 – The 2026-27 FCEMS Grant application closes at 4:00 p.m.

December 21, 2026 - The Office of the State Fire Commissioner must approve or disapprove applications within 60 days of the application submission deadline. Applications received by the OSFC, which have not been approved or disapproved by December 21, 2026 will be considered as approved, subject to the provisions of Act 91 of 2020, as amended (which includes the requirement to submit a final report for each grant received).

January 2027 - The 2026-27 FCEMS Grant Agreements will be available mid to late January 2027.

May 31, 2027 -Deadline for submission of 2026-27 FCEMS Grant Agreements.

July 31, 2027 -Deadline for transmission of 2026-27 FCEMS Grant Agreements for award disbursement.

August 11, 2027 - Last day project modifications can be submitted for the 2026-27 grant is 4:00pm on August 11, 2027.

September 1, 2027 – The deadline for submitting your electronic Final Report for the 2026-27 Grant is 4:00pm on September 1, 2027.