

# NVFC ASKS CONGRESS TO FUND KEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAMS

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The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is asking Congress to provide adequate funding in FY 2021 for several federal programs that are critical to the fire and emergency services. These include:

- Increasing funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs from \$355 million to \$405 million;
- Maintaining full funding for the National Firefighter Registry, which was established as part of the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act;
- Increasing funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program from \$18 million to \$19 million; and
- Providing \$50.7 million for the U.S. Fire Administration, which fully funds the President's Budget Request and includes an additional \$1 million to pay for grants to state fire training agencies to deliver courses developed by the National Fire Academy.

Use the [NVFC's Legislative Action Center](#) to contact your U.S. Representative and Senators to ask them to support the NVFC's funding requests. There are alerts posted in the Action Center for AFG/SAFER, VFA, and USFA appropriations, in addition to other NVFC legislative priorities.