



FY 2017 MARCS Grant

(Multi-Agency Radio Communications System)

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Re: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MARCS Grant Application

Dear Fire Chief or Executive Official,

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the FY 2017 Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant. Grant applications are available online November 14, 2016, and must be submitted no later than December 31, 2016, to be considered.

Please review the FY 2017 MARCS Grant Application package in its entirety. Modifications from the FY 2016 MARCS Grant application have been incorporated.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Lisa Caldwell at 800-515-0023 or lisa.caldwell@com.state.oh.us.

Complete information and forms can be found at www.com.ohio.gov/fire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline T. Williams".

Jacqueline T. Williams
Director, Ohio Department of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry L. Flowers".

Larry L. Flowers
State Fire Marshal

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I. PURPOSE

The Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017 for eligible recipients to purchase systems, equipment, and/or services that are a part of, integrated into, or otherwise interoperable with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) operated by the State of Ohio with respect to providing fire protection services.

II. ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the applicable rules regarding equipment grants [Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 1301:7-7-01(T), Ohio Fire Code (OFC) 120], as applied to this program, the following procedures will be followed by the SFM for the awards of the SFY 2017 MARCS Equipment/Services Grants.

Eligible recipients for equipment/services grants awarded under this rule shall meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

For purposes of the following eligibility requirements a small municipality or small township is defined as a "duly constituted municipality or village under Title 7 of the Revised Code or township under Title 5 of the Revised Code having a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents."

1. Volunteer Fire Department:
 - a. Must be organized by a township or municipal corporation under sections Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) §§ 505.37, or 737.21;
 - b. At least one-half of the firefighters are volunteer firefighters.

2. Fire Department:
 - a. Must be organized by a township or municipal corporation under R.C. §§505.37, or 737.21;
 - b. Must serve one or more small municipal corporations or small townships; AND
 - c. The small municipal corporation and/or small townships that are being served by the fire department must sign the grant application. (A small municipal corporation or small township has a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents.)

3. Joint Fire District:
 - a. Must be organized under R.C. §§505.371 or 505.375;
 - b. Must primarily serve small municipal corporations and/ or small townships (as noted above a small township or municipal corporation has a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents).

4. Local Government Operating a Fire Department: A township or municipal corporation providing fire protection services that is responsible for one of the following:
 - a. A volunteer fire department under R.C. §§ 505.37, or 737.21 in which at least one half of the firefighters are volunteer firefighters; OR

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- b. A fire department under R.C. §§ 505.37 or 737.21 that serves small municipalities or small townships (as noted above a small township or municipal corporation has a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents); OR
 - c. A portion of a joint fire district comprised of volunteer departments that primarily serves small municipalities or small townships (as noted above a small township or municipal corporation has a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents).
5. Local Government Contracting for Fire Protection Services: Small municipalities or small townships (as noted above a small township or municipal corporation has a population of less than 25,000 permanent residents) contracting with a private fire company or another unit of local government for fire protection services. Local governments that operate their own Fire Department are not included in this category.

***Please note: A private fire company is not an eligible recipient for a MARCS grant; however, any qualifying local government contracting with a private fire company may receive a MARCS grant. Such equipment and/or services may be used by a private fire company as a part of its contracted services.**

III. ELIGIBLE GRANT REQUESTS/EXPENDITURES

The following are eligible grant fund requests/expenditures:

Equipment:

- MARCS Radios. Mobile/portable radios shall be configured to MARCS specifications. Radios not configured to MARCS specifications and not interoperable with MARCS service shall not be funded. SFM will provide Radio expense grant funding up to \$3,000. **If you choose a radio type that cost more than \$3,000, the SFM will not fund the additional cost.** This does not include radio accessories.
- MARCS Accessories. Shoulder microphone, holster, antenna, antenna accessories, batteries, cables, chargers, charger accessories, mounts, speakers, and bluetooth. Accessories not listed on the 2017 Approved Worksheets will not be funded.

Services:

- MARCS Monthly Services, up to 12 months. Grant funds will be provided for expenditures incurred as of the recipient's return of a signed grant agreement. Service expenditures incurred prior to the return of the signed grant agreement will not be funded. Monthly service fees may be requested for new and previously owned radios on MARCS system. Monthly service fees shall be calculated up to \$20 per month X number of radios. Then multiple by 12 months.

Example: \$20 monthly service fees X 10 radios = \$120 X 12 months = \$2,400

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- Programming. Programming of all radios purchased with grant shall be programmed by vendor. DAS MARCS will not be providing programming of radios purchased with FY 2017 MARCS grants.
- Installation
- Mounting

IV. INELIGIBLE GRANT REQUESTS

The following are ineligible grant fund requests and will not be considered:

- Emergency Use Only radios or equipment related to or service fees for such; or
- Pagers; or
- Warranties or insurance for radio equipment.

V. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Purchases made with FY 2017 MARCS Grant funds become the property of the township, municipal corporation or joint fire district established under R.C. §§ 505.371 or 505.375.

The eligible recipient must agree to adhere to the following:

1. All sections of the application must be filled out completely and the required documentation must be submitted with the application. Grant applications must be submitted on or before December 31, 2016. Applications will not be considered for a FY 2017 MARCS Grant after December 31, 2016.
2. The maximum amount of an award to each eligible recipient shall be \$50,000. Application requests greater than \$50,000 will be reduced accordingly.
3. All applicants are required to obtain and submit a copy of a quote for all equipment requested for grant funding. Quote(s) from vendors must be valid until January 31, 2017.
4. The authorized person(s) of the eligible recipient including the municipal corporation(s) and/or township(s) authorized official shall certify that the grant application is true and accurate.

*Government entities contracting with a private fire company must provide the federal tax identification number, fiscal officer information and certification signature of the government entity applying, not the private fire company.

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5. All applicants must be in compliance with R.C. §3737.24 (Reporting Fire Incidents). Fire Incident Reports for calendar year 2015: In accordance with Ohio Fire Code 104.6.3.1, “[f]ire reports: The reports of fire investigations required by sections 3737.23 and 3737.24 of the Revised Code shall be reported using coding information and procedures prescribed by the United States Fire Administration in the “National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)” and sent to the [state] fire marshal in a manner approved by the [state] fire marshal.” Fire departments associated with the eligible applicants that have not submitted their fire incident reports to the State Fire Marshal for the previous calendar year, as required by the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Fire Code, will not be considered for grant funds. The applicant/associated fire department should confirm 2015 NFIRS compliance by logging onto <https://apps.com.ohio.gov/fire/IncidentReports/> and clicking on “Monthly Total of ALL Incidents by FDID” prior to submitting an application. If there are discrepancies or assistance is needed, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (888) 243-0305 or (614) 752-7123.
6. If applicable, applicants must be in compliance with R.C. Chapter 146, Volunteer Firefighters’ Dependents Fund (VFDF). In accordance with the Revised Code Chapter 146, each political subdivision or fire district having a fire department employing volunteer firefighters is a member of the volunteer firefighter dependents fund and shall pay premiums into the fund as required. Non-compliant fire departments will be disqualified from receiving grants from the State Fire Marshal’s office until compliant. All applicants are cross referenced with the VFDF database. If applicant/associated fire department is uncertain of their compliance, contact Lisa Caldwell at (614) 644-2383 or lisa.caldwell@com.state.oh.us for verification or, if needed, instructions on how to become compliant.
7. Upon request, items purchased with grant monies must be made available for inspection by a representative of the SFM. Because the grant involves public funds, the grant recipient must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The grant recipient shall maintain auditable records of all charges pertaining to this grant and shall make such records available to SFM upon request for three (3) years after all conditions have been met.
8. Grant recipients shall not purchase any equipment and/or services until after the grant recipient receives from the SFM a grant agreement notifying the recipient of an award, signs the grant agreement, and returns the signed grant agreement to the SFM. All variances and extensions must be submitted in writing to the State Fire Marshal and approved prior to expenditure.
9. Newly purchased radio equipment shall be activated with Ohio MARCS within three (3) months from delivery and remain on the system for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

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10. All grant recipients shall submit to SFM copies of all paid invoices outlined in the terms and conditions of the grant award agreement. The paid invoices shall be sent to:

Ohio Department of Commerce – Fiscal East
Grants Administration
P.O. Box 4009
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9009

VI. WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY

The FY 2017 MARCS Grant application period is open from November 14, 2016 – December 31, 2016. The completed application consists of:

- 1) FY 2017 MARCS Grant Application (pages 12 - 14) (Must submit a complete application online at www.com.ohio.gov/fire); and
- 2) Approved 2017 MARCS Mobile and Portable Equipment/Services Worksheets (pages 16 - 17) (Must submit online at www.com.ohio.gov/fire); and
- 3) Copy of quote from vendor which is valid until January 31, 2017. The vendor quote must be scanned and upload online as part of a complete application submission.

The FY 2017 MARCS Online Grant worksheet guidance document is available on-line at our website:

www.com.ohio.gov/fire

This worksheet guidance document is to be used for reference only. The grant application must be entered online on or before December 31, 2016. Paper and Faxed applications will not be accepted.

VII. NOTIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS

Grant Agreements (Award letters) will be mailed to the eligible recipient when the review process has been completed. Grant funds will be disbursed shortly after all grant award agreements have been signed and returned to the SFM. Grant recipients shall not purchase any equipment and/or services until after the grant recipient receives from the SFM a grant agreement notifying the recipient of an award, signs the grant agreement, and returns the signed grant agreement to the SFM. Non-award letters will be forwarded within the same approximate timeframe.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FY 2017 MARCS GRANT ONLINE APPLICATION

Each blank must be filled in and the online application must be certified by the applicants authorized personnel. Please read the entire application and follow the instructions for each of the following items. If you have questions, please contact grant administration at (800) 515-0023.

LINE BY LINE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE APPLICATION:

Line #

1. Indicate which eligibility criteria under section **II. Eligibility** is applicable to your organization.

***A private fire company is not an eligible recipient for a MARCS grant; however, any qualifying local government contracting with a private fire company may receive a MARCS grant. Such equipment and/or services may be used by a private fire company as a part of its contracted services.**

2. Fire Department Identification Number (FDID #): Enter the five (5) digit number used to identify the department on the state fire incident report forms. Print name of fire department and if applicable, print government entity applying.

*Government entity information required **only if contracting** with private fire company or another unit of local government for fire protection services.

3. Number of full time paid firefighters: In Ohio, full time paid firefighters will be members of the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund.

4. Number of firefighters who are part time or paid per call: Enter the number of firefighters who are not full time but who do receive some form of monetary compensation.

5. Number of firefighters who are not paid: Enter the number of firefighters who do not receive compensation.

6. Fire Incident Reports for calendar year 2015: In accordance with Ohio Fire Code 104.6.3.1, "[f]ire reports: The reports of fire investigations required by sections 3737.23 and 3737.24 of the Revised Code shall be reported using coding information and procedures prescribed by the United States Fire Administration in the "National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)" and sent to the [state] fire marshal in a manner approved by the [state] fire marshal." Fire departments associated with the eligible applicants that have not submitted their fire incident reports to the State Fire Marshal for the previous calendar year, as required by the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Fire Code, will not be considered for grant funds. The applicant/associated fire department should confirm 2015 NFIRS compliance by logging onto <https://apps.com.ohio.gov/fire/IncidentReports/> and click on "Monthly Total of ALL Incidents by FDID" prior to submitting an application. If there are discrepancies or assistance is needed, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (888) 243-0305 or (614) 752-7123.

7. Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund (if applicable): When required in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 146, each political subdivision or fire district having a fire department employing volunteer firefighters is a member of the volunteer firefighter dependents fund and shall pay premiums into the fund as required. Non-compliant fire departments will be disqualified from receiving grants from the State Fire Marshal's office until compliant. All applicants are cross referenced with the VFDF database. If applicant/associated fire department is uncertain of their compliance, contact Lisa Caldwell at (614) 644-2383 or lisa.caldwell@com.state.oh.us for verification or if needed instructions on how to become compliant.
8. Provide contact information for an individual who is available by telephone or email during business hours (8 – 5) or can respond within twenty-four (24) hours to questions about your grant application.
9. Total population protected: Enter the population of the area for which the applicant provides **primary fire protection**. Include territory under contract if **primary fire protection** is provided. Do not include territory where you respond under a mutual aid agreement to provide supplemental protection. This figure should be as accurate as possible.
10. Source of population protected figures: Indicate where you obtained the population figures.
11. Square miles protected: Enter the total square miles of the area for which your department provides **primary fire protection**. Include territory under contract if primary protection is provided. Do not include territory where you respond under mutual aid agreement to provide supplemental protection. This figure should be as accurate as possible.
12. Total operating budget for calendar year 2016: Total operating budget includes money provided from taxes and fire protection contracts, as well as from fund raising and donations used for operating expenses. Do not include capital expenses for new trucks, buildings, or EMS budget.
13. Total number of fires: For **primary fire protection** only, provide the total number of fire incidents/calls/responses requiring a NFIRS report for calendar year 2015. All applications are cross referenced with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).
14. Enter the Federal Tax Identification number: Example: This number usually starts with the number "31" and will look something like this "31-1234567". If the eligible applicant is the fire department, please provide the fire department's federal tax id. number. If the eligible applicant is a government entity, please provide the government's federal tax id. number.
15. Name, address, daytime telephone number with area code and title of the financial officer of the grant recipient. The grant award will be sent to the financial officer for the grant recipient. If the fire department is the eligible applicant, the fiscal officer information for the fire department should be provided. If the government entity is applying, the fiscal officer for the government entity information should be supplied.
16. Multi-jurisdictional: Check yes if other jurisdictions from the same county or region are also applying for grants in a collaborative effort to acquire or complete MARCS service in the

respective county or region. Check no if you are not working together with other jurisdictions from your county or region to acquire or complete MARCS service.

17. If answer to question 16 is yes, list all of the other fire departments and/or governmental entities that are part of the multi-jurisdictional effort to acquire or complete MARCS service.
18. Indicate whether you are currently a MARCS customer. If yes, provide your MARCS customer number. If not, check no.
19. List all fire departments and/or governmental entities currently utilizing MARCS services in your county or region.
20. Certification: Application must be certified by the chief of the fire department and when applicable (See section II Eligibility and 2 (c)), the person authorized to act on behalf of the township or municipal corporation validating the information is true and accurate.

Government entity certification signature is required ***only*** if contracting with private fire company or another unit of local government for fire protection services.

21. Submitter Information: Provide the Name, daytime telephone number with area code and title and email address of the individual who is submitting the application.
22. Supporting Documentation: Any supporting documentation (such as a quote) to show the estimated cost of the equipment being requested in the Approved Equipment Worksheet.

*****Please retain a copy for your records.*****

FY 2017 MARCS GRANT ONLINE APPLICATION

The applications must be submitted online no later than December 31, 2016. The online application must be answered completely in order for the application to be submitted. Late applications will not be accepted.

1. You are applying as a:

- Volunteer Fire Department
- Fire Department
- Joint Fire District
- Local Government operating a fire department
- Local Government contracting for fire protection services

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2. Fire Department Identification Number (FDID #): ___ - ___ - ___ (Example: 99-999)

Fire Department Name: _____

*Government Entity Name: _____

*Government Entity is **only required** if contracting with a private fire company.

3. Number of full time paid firefighters associated with the eligible recipient: _____

4. Number of firefighters that are part time or paid per call: _____

5. Number of unpaid firefighters associated with the eligible recipient: _____

6. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3737.24, has the fire department reported fire incidents to the State Fire Marshal for the entire calendar year 2015? See instructions for verification prior to submitting application. Yes No

7. If applicable, is your volunteer fire department in compliance with the VFDF in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 146? Yes No

8. Print the name, **daytime telephone number and email of an available person to respond to telephone or email inquiries within twenty-four (24) hours** with questions about this application.

Print Name of Contact	Title
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Daytime/Cell Telephone	Email Address
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9. Total resident population receiving **primary fire protection** services: _____

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10. Source of your population figure: (check where appropriate) Census Government Agency
 Fire Department Estimate Other: (please list source) _____

11. What is the total area, in square miles, the eligible recipient provides **primary fire protection**?

12. What was the eligible recipient's total operating budget for fire protection services only during calendar year 2016, including both public and private sources of income. Do not include capital expenses for new trucks, buildings, or EMS budget. Total Operating Budget: _____

13. For **primary protection area**, list the total number of fire incidents/calls/responses requiring a NFIRS report in the following categories for the calendar year 2015:
 Structure: _____ Vehicle: _____ Wildland: _____

14. Fire Department/Joint Fire District/Township/Municipal Corporation: List the **eligible recipients** Federal Taxpayer Identification number _____ - _____ (i.e. 31-1234567).

*Government Entity federal tax identification number is **only required** if contracting with a private fire company.

15. Print the name, title, address, and daytime telephone number of the eligible recipient financial officer (i.e., township clerk, fiscal officer, finance director, treasurer, etc.). **This is not the fire chief**

*Government Entity financial officer is required **only** if contracting with a private fire company.

Print Name of Financial Officer	Title	Identify Fire Dept. or Govt. Entity	
Address			
City	State	Zip	Daytime Telephone

16. Is this application part of a multi-jurisdictional effort to acquire or complete MARCS service in your region or county? Yes No

17. If answer to question 16 is yes, identify the multiple jurisdictions, i.e., all of the fire departments and/or government entities also applying:

18. Are you a current MARCS Customer? Yes ___ No ___, MARCS Customer # _____

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CERTIFICATION

21. Applicant(s) certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of knowledge and that the fire department and/or political subdivision represented has the intention to complete this project should the grant be awarded. Falsifying information on this application may result in rejection of the application.

Fire Department is Applicant:

X _____
FD Chief or Chief Executive Official Signature Date Signed

Print or type name of Authorized Person Title

Mailing Address

City State Zip Daytime Telephone

***Government Entity is Applicant:** _____

X _____
Signature of Chief Executive Official/Authorized Person Date Signed

Print or type name of Chief Executive Official/Authorized Person Title

Mailing Address

City State Zip Daytime Telephone

*Government entity information/signature is required only if contracting with private fire company or another unit of local government for fire protection services.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
APPROVED 2017 MARCS EQUIPMENT/SERVICES ONLINE WORKSHEET**

Approved Equipment Request

1. The purpose of the “Approved 2017 MARCS Equipment/Services Mobile and Portable Worksheets” is to indicate the type, quantity, and cost of the equipment and/or services purchase from the approved equipment/services list. The decision to purchase equipment and/or services is at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or the Chief Executive Officer of the government entity. These grant funds are intended to provide supplemental funding to purchase systems, equipment, or services that are a part of, integrated into, or otherwise interoperable with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) operated by the State of Ohio. Estimates should be obtained from your supplier and itemized on the chart. This is not a matching grant and the **maximum** amount awarded is \$50,000. If you are awarded a grant, equipment and/or services cannot be ordered or purchased before the grant agreement is signed and returned by the fire chief and/or chief executive officer to the State Fire Marshal as provided in Section VII. above. The full amount awarded must be spent in accordance with your application.

Please adhere to the following instructions when completing the Approved 2017 MARCS Equipment/Services Worksheet:

- a) Complete the requested fire departmental information; AND
- b) Indicate the unit cost, quantity, and accurately calculate the total cost for each item requested; AND
- c) For total cost calculation, add items requested in Total Cost column to reach Total Amount Requested.

Please read all instructions and verify worksheet is complete prior to submitting. Applications must be signed by the designated signature authority and submitted online no later than December 31, 2016.

If you have questions concerning the MARCS Grant call (800) 515-0023 or lisa.caldwell@com.state.oh.us.

**APPROVED FY 2017 MARCS EQUIPMENT/SERVICES
MOBILE ONLINE WORKSHEET**

Fire Department ID: _____ Fire Department Name: _____

MARCS Communications

Name of Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
MARCS mobile radios (maximum award \$3,000 per radio)			
MARCS programing/installation/mounting			
MARCS mobile accessories:			
Antenna			
Antenna accessories			
Cables			
Mounts			
Speakers			
Bluetooth			
Maximum service fees award for 12 months:			
New MARCS radios	\$240.00		
Existing MARCS radios	\$240.00		
(Unit Cost = \$20 service fee X 12 months = \$240.00 X Quantity = Total Cost)			
Total Amount Requested:			

See Section III. above for eligible grant fund expenditures.

*****Please retain a copy for your records.*****

**APPROVED FY 2017 MARCS EQUIPMENT/SERVICES
PORTABLE ONLINE WORKSHEET**

Fire Department ID: _____ Fire Department Name: _____

MARCS Communications

Name of Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
MARCS portable radios (maximum award \$3,000 per radio)			
MARCS programing/installation			
MARCS accessories:			
Shoulder microphone			
Holster			
Antenna			
Antenna accessories			
Batteries			
Chargers			
Charger accessories			
Speakers			
Bluetooth			
Maximum service fees award for 12 months:			
New MARCS radios	\$240.00		
Existing MARCS Radio	\$240.00		
(Unit Cost = \$20 service fees X 12 months = \$240.00 X Quantity = Total Cost)			
Total Amount Requested:			

See Section III. above for eligible grant fund expenditures.

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2017 MARCS GRANT SCORING

In accordance with the applicable rules regarding equipment grants, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 1301:7-7-01(T), Ohio Fire Code (OFC) 120, as applied to this program, the following procedures will be followed by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal (SFM) for the awards of the 2017 MARCS Grants.

Grant Scoring Criteria:

Based on the scoring system outlined below established by the State Fire Marshal, each eligible recipient will accumulate points based on specific information contained in their grant application. Applicants with the highest scores that meet eligibility requirements will be awarded grants based upon the availability of funds. In the event of a score tie, the available funds will be awarded according to the following priorities:

1. Eligible recipient with the lowest operating budget.
2. Eligible recipient with the largest protection area.
3. Eligible recipient with the largest population.

The scoring system generated for this grant cycle is calculated based upon the following:

1. Resident Population Protected: An increasing number of points are awarded for the total resident population protected up to 25,000 residents. Applicants consisting of “paid” fire departments serving, or joint fire districts primarily serving, municipal or township populations greater than 25,000 will not be considered.
2. Fire Protection Area Size: An increasing number of points are awarded based on the square mile protection area for which the eligible recipient provides primary fire protection. There is no limit to square mile protection area.
3. Operating Budget: The total operating budget for the 2016 calendar year is included in determining points awarded. There is no minimum or maximum budget requirement however smaller budgets generally receive more points.
4. Number of fire incidents/calls/responses requiring a NFIRS report: During the applicable calendar year, an increasing number of points are awarded for a higher number of structure, vehicle and wildland fire incidents/calls/responses requiring a NFIRS report responded to in the primary fire protection area. This number must be consistent with submitted NFIRS reports.
5. Multi-jurisdictional Requests: Equipment/services requests from multiple jurisdictions from the same county or region which are collaboratively applying for grants to acquire or complete MARCS service in the respective county or region may receive special consideration.

***** For copies of the portions of House Bill 64 of the 131th General Assembly that create the SFM’s MARCS Grant program, Ohio Administrative Code 1301:7-7-01(T), 2011 Ohio Fire Code Section 120 (Grants administration), Chapter 146 of the Revised Code (Volunteer Firefighters Dependent’s Fund), and the sections of Ohio law regulating the reporting of fires to the SFM, please go to the following website: www.com.ohio.gov/fire or call (800) 515-0023. *****