



Information Bulletin

Firefighting on State Property

The Firefighting on State Property Program, established by Section 54e of the State Finance Law, provides reimbursement to fire departments for certain expenses incurred while fighting fires on state-owned property, subject to appropriation available for such purpose.

Expenses that are eligible include:

1. Firefighting costs;
2. Salaries for specially employed personnel;
3. Rental cost for special equipment;
4. Cost of expended supplies, (such as gasoline, oil, fuel, foam, water additives, dry powder, recharging cost for air bottles, extinguishers, etc.);
5. Cost of damaged or destroyed equipment.

Certain expenses are not eligible, including:

1. Normal operating expenses;
2. Expenses reimbursed under insurance;
3. Any expense for a false alarm, regardless of cause; and
4. Expenses less than \$250.

Entities who have eligible expenses and wish to request reimbursement must submit:

1. A completed claim form: www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/documents/forms/report-claim.pdf ;
2. A copy of the NYS Incident Report form for the fire;
3. A resolution by the local legislative body or other evidence of authority to submit claim;
4. Three estimates if claim is for damage to equipment or apparatus.

Funds must be approved by April 1 of the current fiscal year and will be pro-rated to cover all eligible applicants. All documentation must be submitted within 30 days of response to: New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Attention: Educational and Operational Support Branch.

Please contact Branch Chief Erwin LaTourette for more info regarding Firefighting on State Property Program. Claims received throughout the fiscal year will be held until April 1st when approved expenses will be pro-rated to cover all eligible expenses.

Link:

[State Finance Law Section 54e](#)

[Title 19 NYCRR, Chapter XII, Part 425](#)