

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today announced the opening of the United States Department of Homeland Security's grant application period for the FY 2007 Fire Prevention and Safety grant program. The application period for this program began on October 22, 2007, and applications will be accepted until November 30, 2007.

The grants, administered by the U.S. Fire Administration, a part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), are intended to help mitigate the danger caused by fire through focusing on high-risk target groups such as children and the elderly. The grants also support firefighter safety research and development activities.

"I would encourage any department in the First District interested in this grant program to submit an application," Bonner said. "The men and women who work for our professional and volunteer fire departments in south Alabama put their lives on the line every day to protect and support their neighbors and communities, and they certainly deserve all the support we can provide."

The program application and additional guidance can be found at www.firegrantsupport.com and www.grants.gov.

