Award Letter

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EMW-2025-FG-04323

Dear Antonio Burden,

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FG) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of $305,405.45 in Federal funding. As a condition of this award, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than $30,540.55 for a total approved budget of $335,946.00. Please see the FY 2025 FG Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on how to meet this cost share requirement.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Summary Award Memo - included in this document
- Agreement Articles - included in this document
- Obligating Document - included in this document
- 2025 FG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

Sincerely,

Associate Administrator (A)
FEMA Resilience

Cynthia Spishak

Acting Associate Administrator
Resilience

Summary Award Memo

Program: Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
Recipient: AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
UEI-EFT: ZH93N1J4TBE8
Award number: EMW-2025-FG-04323

Summary description of award

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. After careful consideration, FEMA has determined that the recipient's project or projects submitted as part of the recipient's application and detailed in the project narrative as well as the request details section of the application - including budget information - was consistent with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program's purpose and was worthy of award.

Except as otherwise approved as noted in this award, the information you provided in your application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding is incorporated into the terms and conditions of this award. This includes any documents submitted as part of the application.

Amount awarded table

The amount of the award is detailed in the attached Obligating Document for Award.

The following are the budgeted estimates for object classes for this award (including Federal share plus your cost share, if applicable):

Object Class	Total
Personnel	$335,946.00
Fringe benefits	$0.00
Travel	$0.00
Equipment	$0.00
Supplies	$0.00
Contractual	$0.00
Construction	$0.00
Other	$0.00
Indirect charges	$0.00
Federal	$305,405.45
Non-federal	$30,540.55
Total	$335,946.00

Approved scope of work

After review of your application, FEMA has approved the below scope of work. Justifications are provided for any differences between the scope of work in the original application and the approved scope of work under this award. You must submit scope or budget revision requests for FEMA's prior approval, via an amendment request, as appropriate per 2 C.F.R. § 200.308 and the FY2025 FG NOFO.

Approved request details:

Wellness and fitness programs

Behavioral Health NFPA 1500 or equivalent

DESCRIPTION

The core objective of this initiative is the implementation of a mandatory, structured annual mental health wellness visit for all 354 department personnel. Every employee will participate in a private, confidential 90-minute annual wellness check-in conducted by a contracted, licensed mental health clinician specializing in public safety cultural competency. When clinically indicated during the annual check-in, personnel will be seamlessly connected to optional, confidential outpatient behavioral health follow-up care. The budget links directly to operations and safety: 354 personnel multiplied by a contracted rate of $300 per session yields a total project cost of $106,200. This is an all-inclusive clinical rate with zero administrative or overhead add-ons requested from the grant. By placing a licensed clinician face-to-face with all 354 members annually, this project bridges the gap between suffering in silence and accessing care, moving away from late-stage intervention toward early-stage, structured preservation of our workforce.

QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
354	$300.00	$106,200.00

BUDGET CLASS

Personnel

Cancer Screening Physical

DESCRIPTION

Our department is requesting support to provide Multi Cancer Early Detection (MCED) One Test screening for 354 firefighters each of whom serves our community with courage, often at great personal risk. These men and women are not just employees; they are parents, spouses, neighbors, and mentors who routinely enter environments filled with carcinogens that the average person will never encounter. In 2026, cancer remains the leading cause of line of duty death among firefighters, accounting for roughly two thirds of career firefighter fatalities according to the IAFF. Despite improvements in gear and decontamination practices, exposure to diesel exhaust, burning synthetics, and toxic particulates continues to elevate cancer risk far beyond that of the general population. The MCED One Test offers a way to protect those who protect us. Using advanced cell free DNA methylation analysis, the test screens for signals associated with more than 50 cancer types many of which have no routine screening options. This project will provide each firefighter with access to this early detection tool, coordinate sample collection, and ensure follow up pathways with local healthcare providers. By integrating MCED testing into our wellness program, we take a proactive step toward safeguarding the long term health of our personnel.

QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
354	$649.00	$229,746.00

BUDGET CLASS

Personnel

Equipment

Monitor/Defibrillator - 15 leads

DESCRIPTION

This initiative will procure twenty-six (26) field-ready, multi-parameter Zoll X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator units. Each platform includes 12-Lead ECG, non-invasive pacing, high-resolution Pulse Oximetry, Pulse Carbon Monoxide, End-Tidal Waveform Capnography, automated BVM ventilation tracking, Non-Invasive Blood Pressure, Real CPR Help, and Rescue Net Remote View telemetry streaming. This uniform procurement eliminates severe clinical gaps across all primary response apparatus.

	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	BUDGET CLASS
Cost 1	0	$61,455.75	$0.00	Equipment

CHANGE FROM APPLICATION

Quantity from **26** to **0**

JUSTIFICATION

This reduction is due to the relative prioritization of one or more of your items or projects.

Agreement Articles

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Article 1	**Assurances, Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Representations and Certifications** Recipients must complete either the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Form 424B Assurances – Non- Construction Programs, or OMB Standard Form 424D Assurances – Construction Programs, as applicable. Certain assurances in these documents may not be applicable to your program and the DHS financial assistance office (DHS FAO) may require applicants to certify additional assurances. Applicants are required to fill out the assurances, as instructed.
Article 2	**General Acknowledgements and Assurances** a. Recipients are required to follow the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in effect as of the federal award date and located in Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 and adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. § 3002.10. b. All recipients and subrecipients must acknowledge and agree to provide DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.337. 1) Recipients must cooperate with any DHS compliance reviews or compliance investigations. 2) Recipients must give DHS access to examine and copy records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal award and permit access to facilities and personnel. 3) Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports. 4) Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements required by law, federal regulation, Notice of Funding Opportunity, federal award specific terms and conditions, and/or DHS Component program guidance. Organization costs related to data and evaluation are allowable. The definition of data and evaluation costs is in 2 C.F.R. § 200.455(c), the full text of which is incorporated by reference.
Article 3	**Age Discrimination Act of 1975** Recipients must comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Public Law 94-135 (codified as amended at Title 42, U.S. Code § 6101 et seq.), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
Article 4	**American Security Drone Act of 2023** Recipients must comply with the American Security Drone Act of 2023, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Pub. L. 118-31 (41 U.S.C. § 3901 note prec.), which prohibits the procurement and operation of covered unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by covered foreign entities.

Article 5	**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** Recipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101– 12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.
Article 6	**Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI** Recipients must comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are in 6 C.F.R. Part 21. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations are in 44 C.F.R. Part 7.
Article 7	**Civil Rights Act of 1968 – Title VIII** Recipients must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. 90-284 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection. therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)—be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. See 24 C.F.R. Part 100, Subpart D.

Article 8 **Communication and Cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Officials**

(1) The Department of Homeland Security will analyze whether the conditions in this section will be applied to any grant program in a way that is consistent with the specific statutes that apply to each grant program because the purpose of each grant program has a nexus to immigration activities, law enforcement, or national security, including preventing and responding to acts of terrorism and extremism, and DHS may tailor the conditions in this section to a specific grant program. DHS will clarify in the grant documents whether and how the terms in this section apply to each grant. (2) Where applicable, recipients and subrecipients of funds under an award must agree that they will comply with the following requirements related to coordination and cooperation with DHS and immigration officials: (a) They must comply with the requirements of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644. These statutes prohibit restrictions on information sharing by state and local government entities with DHS regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual. Additionally, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 prohibits any person or agency from prohibiting, or in any way restricting, a Federal, State, or local government entity from doing any of the following with respect to information regarding the immigration status of any individual: 1) sending such information to, or requesting or receiving such information from, Federal immigration officials; 2) maintaining such information; or 3) exchanging such information with any other Federal, State, or local government entity; (b) They must comply with other relevant laws related to immigration, including prohibitions on encouraging or inducing an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv), prohibitions on transporting or moving illegal aliens, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), prohibitions on harboring, concealing, or shielding from detection illegal aliens, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii), and any applicable conspiracy, aiding or abetting, or attempt liability regarding these statutes; (c) They will honor requests for cooperation with immigration detainers, including requests for information regarding criminal history, expected release date, actual release date, detention location, nationality, residence, and employment; and requests for short-term detention of not more than 48 hours of an alien pursuant to a valid detainer to allow DHS to assume custody. A jurisdiction does not fail to comply with this requirement merely because it lacks the necessary resources to assist in a particular instance. They will not prohibit voluntary cooperation with DHS under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g). (d) That they will provide access to detainees, such as when an immigration officer seeks to interview a person who might be a removable alien; and (e) That they will not leak or otherwise publicize the existence of an immigration enforcement operation. (3) By accepting the grant award, recipients are certifying that: They do not, and will not during the term of this award, operate any program that benefits illegal immigrants or incentivizes illegal immigration by establishing or maintaining programs providing direct financial support or public benefits to illegal immigrants. (a) Illegal immigrant means any alien, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(3), who has no lawful immigration status in the United States. (4) The recipient must certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and using a form that is acceptable to DHS, that it will comply with the requirements of this term. Additionally, the recipient agrees that it will require any subrecipients or

	contractors to certify in the same manner that they will comply with this term prior to providing them with any funding under this award. (5) The recipient agrees that compliance with this term is material to the Government's decision to make or continue with this award and that the Department of homeland Security may terminate this grant, or take any other allowable enforcement action, if the recipient fails to comply with this term.
Article 9	**CHIPS and Science Act of 2022** (1) Recipients of DHS research and development (R&D) awards must report to the DHS Component research program office any finding or determination of sex based and sexual harassment and/or an administrative or disciplinary action taken against principal investigators (PI) or co-investigators (Co-PI) to be completed by an authorized organizational representative (AOR) at the recipient institution. (2) Notification. An AOR must disclose the following information to agencies within 10 days of the date that the finding is made, or 10 days from when a recipient imposes an administrative action on the reported individual, whichever is sooner. Reports should include: (a) Award number, (b) Name of PI or Co-PI being reported, (c) Awardee name, (d) Awardee address, (e) AOR name, title, phone, and email address, (f) Indication of the report type: (i) Finding or determination has been made that the reported individual violated awardee policies or codes of conduct, statutes, or regulations related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other forms of harassment, including the date that the finding was made. (ii) Imposition of an administrative or disciplinary action by the recipient on the reporting individual related to a finding/determination or an investigation of an alleged violation of recipient policy or codes of conduct, statutes, or regulations, or other forms of harassment. (iii) The date and nature of the administrative/disciplinary action, including a basic explanation or description of the event, which should not disclose personally identifiable information regarding any complaints or individuals involved. Any description provided must be consistent with the Family Educational Rights in Privacy Act. (3) Definitions. (a) An "authorized organizational representative (AOR)" is an administrative official who, on behalf of the proposing institution, is empowered to make certifications and representations and can commit the institution to the conduct of a project that an agency is being asked to support as well as adhere to various agency policies and award requirements. (b) "Principal investigators and co-principal investigators" are award personnel supported by a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under Federal law. (c) A "reported individual" refers to recipient personnel who have been reported to a federal agency for potential sexual harassment violations. (d) "Sex based harassment" means a form of sex discrimination and includes harassment based on sex, sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity. (e) "Sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment, whether such activity is carried out by a supervisor or by a co-worker, volunteer, or contractor.

Article 10	**Copyright** Recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402 to any work first produced under federal awards and also include an acknowledgement that the work was produced under a federal award (including the federal award number and federal awarding agency). As detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.315, a federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for federal purposes and to authorize others to do so.
Article 11	**Debarment and Suspension** Recipients must comply with the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 set forth at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as implemented by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. These regulations prohibit recipients from entering into covered transactions (such as subawards and contracts) with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.
Article 12	**Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988** Recipients must comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the government-wide implementation of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.
Article 13	**Duplicative Costs** Recipients are prohibited from charging any cost to this federal award that will be included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing requirements of any other federal award in either the current or a prior budget period. However, recipients may shift costs that are allowable under two or more federal awards where otherwise permitted by federal statutes, regulations, or the federal award terms and conditions.
Article 14	**Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) – Title IX** Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-318 (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17. FEMA’s implementing regulations are in 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

Article 15	**Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975** Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. No. 94-163 (1975) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq.), which policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.
Article 16	**Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations** Recipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs. It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries.
Article 17	**False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies** Recipients must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729- 3733, which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the Federal Government and details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.
Article 18	**Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government's Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act** Recipients must agree that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3729(b)(4) (Definition of "material"). (1) Definitions. As used in this term – (a) DEI means "diversity, equity, and inclusion." (b) DEIA means "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility." (c) Discriminatory equity ideology has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b) of Executive Order 14190. (d) Federal anti-discrimination laws mean Federal civil rights law that protect individual Americans from discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, and national origin. (2) Grant award certification. (a) By accepting the grant award, recipients are certifying that: (i) They do not, and will not during the term of this financial assistance award, operate any programs that advance or promote DEI, DEIA, or discriminatory equity ideology in violation of Federal anti-discrimination laws; and (3) DHS reserves the right to suspend payments in whole or in part and/or terminate financial assistance awards if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary's designee determines that the recipient has violated any provision of subsection (2). (4) Upon suspension or termination under subsection (3), all funds received by the recipient shall be deemed to be in excess of the amount that the recipient is determined to be entitled to under the Federal award for purposes of 2 C.F.R. § 200.346. As such, all amounts received will constitute a debt to the Federal Government that may be pursued to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Article 19	**Federal Debt Status** All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments.
Article 20	**Fly America Act** Recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (Certificated Air Carriers List | US Department of Transportation) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.
Article 21	**Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990** Recipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded entirely or in part by federal award funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990.
Article 22	**John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019** Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from obligating or expending federal award funds on certain telecommunications and video surveillance products and contracting with certain entities for national security reasons described in section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200.
Article 23	**Lobbying Prohibitions** None of the funds provided under a federal award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification. Recipients must file a lobbying certification form found on Grants.gov Lobbying Form as described in Appendix A to 6 C.F.R. Part 9, and file a lobbying disclosure form as described in Appendix B to 6 C.F.R. Part 9 found on Grants.gov as the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL).
Article 24	**National Environmental Policy Act** Recipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA).

Article 25	**National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33) and Provisions of the Science and CHIPS Act of 2022** (1) Recipient research institutions (“covered institutions”) must comply with the requirements in NSPM-33 and provisions of Pub. L.117-167, Section 10254 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 18951) certifying that the institution has established and operates a research security program that includes elements relating to: (a) cybersecurity; (b) foreign travel security; (c) research security training; and (d) export control training, as appropriate. (2) Definition. “Covered institutions” means recipient research institutions receiving federal Research and Development (R&D) science and engineering support “in excess of $50 million per year.”
Article 26	**Patents and Intellectual Property Rights** Recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq. and applicable regulations governing inventions and patents, including the regulations issued by the Department of Commerce at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms under Government Awards, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements) and the standard patent rights clause set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.
Article 27	**Procurement of Recovered Materials** States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.323. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.
Article 28	**Rehabilitation Act of 1973** Recipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-112 (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794), which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
Article 29	**Reporting Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters** If the total value of any currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal awarding agencies exceeds $10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of the federal award, then the recipient must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide federal award term and condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated by reference.

Article 30 **Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation**

For federal awards that total or exceed $30,000, recipients are required to comply with the government-wide federal award term and condition on Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation set forth at 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated by reference.

Article 31 **Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials**

(1) Recipients of a federal award from a financial assistance program that provides funding for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this federal award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless: (a) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States; (b) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and (c) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. (2) The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project. (3) Waivers. When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the agency may grant, a waiver from these requirements. The agency should notify the recipient for information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements. a. When the Federal agency has determined that one of the following exceptions applies, the federal awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the agency determines that: i. applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest; ii. the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or iii. the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%. b. A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The agency will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office. c. There may be instances where a federal award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at "Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov. (4) Definitions. The definitions applicable to this term are set forth at 2 C.F.R. § 184.3, the full text of which is incorporated by reference.

Article 32	**Subrecipient Monitoring and Management** Pass-through entities must comply with the requirements for subrecipient monitoring and management.
Article 33	**System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier Requirements** Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the governmentwide federal award term and condition regarding the System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated reference.
Article 34	**Termination of a Federal Award** (1) By DHS. DHS may terminate a federal award, in whole or in part, for the following reasons: (a) If the recipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award; (b) With the consent of the recipient, in which case the parties must agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated; (c) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the federal award; or (d) For convenience, pursuant to Executive Order 14332, Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking, including when the award no longer advances agency priorities or the national interest, but subject to appropriate exceptions, including agreements entered into in furtherance of international trade agreements or those awarded by the Department of Commerce under title XCIX of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-167), or Division F of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58). (2) By the Recipient. The recipient may terminate the federal award, in whole or in part, by sending written notification to DHS stating the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if DHS determines that the remaining portion of the federal award will not accomplish the purposes for which the federal award was made, DHS may terminate the federal award in its entirety. (3) Notice. Either party will provide written notice of intent to terminate for any reason to the other party no less than 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the termination. (4) Compliance with Closeout Requirements for Terminated Awards. The recipient must continue to comply with closeout requirements in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.344-200.345 after an award is terminated.
Article 35	**Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000** Recipients must comply with the requirements of the government-wide federal award term and condition which implements Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, § 106 (codified as amended at 22 U.S.C. § 7104). The federal award term and condition is in 2 C.F.R. § 175.105, the full text of which is incorporated by reference.

Article 36	**Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT Act of 2001)** Recipients must comply with the requirements of Pub. L. 107-56, Section 817 of the USA PATRIOT Act, which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175–175c.
Article 37	**Whistleblower Protection Act** Recipients must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections in 10 U.S.C § 4701 and 41 U.S.C. § 4712.
Article 38	**All Executive Orders Related to Grants** Presidential Executive Orders. Recipients must comply with the requirements and actions of Presidential executive orders related to grants (also known as federal assistance and financial assistance), including those published after the date of this publication, the full text of which are incorporated by reference.
Article 39	**Executive Order 14332, Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking** Draw Down of Funds. Recipients are prohibited from directly drawing down general grant funds for specific projects without the affirmative authorization of DHS. Recipients must provide written payment justification, with specificity, for requests for each drawdown.
Article 40	**Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving** Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving. Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving recipient-owned, recipient-rented, or privately owned vehicles when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Federal Government. Recipients are also encouraged to conduct the initiatives of the type described in Section 3(a) of Executive Order 13513.
Article 41	**Executive Order 13224, Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism** Terrorist Financing. Recipients must comply with Executive Order 13224 and applicable statutory prohibitions on transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Recipients are legally responsible for ensuring compliance with the Executive Order and laws.
Article 42	**Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS** Recipients must acknowledge their use of federal award funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal award funds.

Article 43	**Activities Conducted Abroad** Recipients must coordinate with appropriate government authorities when performing project activities outside the United States obtain all appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals.
Article 44	**Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information** (1) Recipients who collect personally identifiable information (PII) as part of carrying out the scope of work under a federal award are required to have a publicly available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of the PII they collect. (2) Definition. DHS defines “PII” as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy Template as useful resources respectively.
Article 45	**Non-Supplanting Requirements** Recipients of federal awards under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds supplement but do not supplant non-federal funds that, in the absence of such federal funds, would otherwise have been made available for the same purpose.
Article 46	**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Requirements** All the instructions, guidance, limitations, scope of work, and other conditions set forth in the NOFO for this federal award are incorporated by reference. All recipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the NOFO. If a condition of the NOFO is inconsistent with these terms and conditions and any such terms of the federal award, the condition in the NOFO shall be invalid to the extent of the inconsistency. The remainder of that condition and all other conditions set forth in the NOFO shall remain in effect.
Article 47	**SAFECOM** Recipients receiving federal awards made under DHS programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications. The SAFECOM Guidance is updated annually and can be found at Funding and Sustainment | CISA.
Article 48	**Use of DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags** Recipients must obtain written permission from DHS prior to using the DHS seals, logos, crests, or reproductions of flags, or likenesses of DHS agency officials. This includes use of DHS component (e.g., FEMA, CISA, etc.) seals, logos, crests, or reproductions of flags, or likenesses of component officials.

Article 49	**Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review** FEMA funded activities that could impact the environment and historic properties are subject to the FEMA EHP review process. This review does not address all federal, state, and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires the recipient to comply with all federal, state, and local laws. FEMA is required to consider the potential impacts to natural and cultural resources of all projects funded by FEMA grant funds, through its EHP review process, as mandated by: the National Environmental Policy Act; Endangered Species Act; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; National Flood Insurance Program regulations; and any other applicable laws, regulations and executive orders (EO). General guidance for FEMA's EHP process is available on FEMA.gov. Specific applicant guidance on how to submit information for EHP review depends on the individual grant program. Applicants should contact their grant program officer to be put in contact with EHP staff responsible for assisting with their specific grant program. The FEMA EHP review process must be completed before funds are released to carry out the proposed project. Otherwise, FEMA may not be able to fund the project due to noncompliance with EHP laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies. FEMA may also need to perform a project closeout review to ensure the applicant complied with all required EHP conditions identified in the initial review. If ground is disturbed during construction, the applicant will monitor the ground disturbance, and if any potential archaeological resources are discovered, the applicant will immediately cease work in that area and notify the pass-through entity, if applicable, and FEMA. EO 11988, Floodplain Management, and EO 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate, and be evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. FEMA's regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 9 implement the EOs and require an eight-step review process if a proposed action is in a floodplain or wetland or has the potential to affect or be affected by a floodplain or wetland.
Article 50	**Applicability of DHS Standard Terms and Conditions to Tribal Nations** The DHS Standard Terms and Conditions are a restatement of general requirements imposed upon recipients and flow down to sub-recipients as a matter of law, regulation, or executive order. If the requirement does not apply to Tribal Nations, or there is a federal law or regulation exempting its application to Tribal Nations, then the acceptance by Tribal Nations, or acquiescence to DHS Standard Terms and Conditions does not change or alter its inapplicability to a Tribal Nation. The execution of grant documents is not intended to change, alter, amend, or impose additional liability or responsibility upon the Tribal Nations where it does not already exist.

Article 51	**Acceptance of Post Award Changes** Should FEMA determine that an error has been made in the award package, or if an administrative change must be made to the award package, recipients will be notified of the change in writing. Once the notification has been made, any subsequent requests for funds will indicate recipient acceptance of the changes to the award. Please email FEMA Grant Management Operations at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov for any questions.
Article 52	**Disposition of Equipment Acquired Under the Federal Award** When original or replacement equipment acquired under this award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a federal awarding agency, the non-state recipient or subrecipient (including subrecipients of a state or Tribal Nation), must request instructions from FEMA to make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(e). State recipients must follow the disposition requirements in accordance with state laws and procedures noted in 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(b). Tribal Nations must follow the disposition requirements in accordance with tribal laws and procedures noted in 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(b); and if such laws and procedures do not exist, then Tribal Nations must follow the disposition instructions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(e).
Article 53	**Prior Approval for Modification of Approved Budget** Before making any change to the FEMA approved budget for this award, a written request must be submitted and approved by FEMA as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.308. For purposes of non-construction projects, FEMA is using its discretion to impose an additional restriction under 2 C.F.R. § 200.308(i) regarding the transfer of funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities. For awards with an approved budget where the federal share is greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $350,000) and where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed 10% of the total budget FEMA last approved, transferring funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities is unallowable without prior written approval from FEMA. For purposes of awards that support both construction and non-construction work, 2 C.F.R. § 200.308(f)(9) requires the recipient to obtain prior written approval from FEMA before making any fund or budget transfers between the two types of work. Any deviations from a FEMA approved budget must be reported in the first Federal Financial Report (SF-425) that is submitted following any budget deviation, regardless of whether the budget deviation requires prior written approval.

Article 54	**Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Required Contract Provision & Self-Certification** In addition to the DHS Standard Terms & Conditions regarding Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials, recipients and subrecipients of FEMA financial assistance programs that are subject to BABAA must include a Buy America Preference contract provision as noted in 2 C.F.R. § 184.4 and a contractor self-certification as required by the FEMA Buy America Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure Policy (FEMA Policy #207-22-0001). This requirement applies to all subawards, contracts, and purchase orders for work performed, or products supplied under the FEMA award subject to BABAA.
Article 55	**Incorporation of Information Bulletin No. 582** Information Bulletin No. 582 and any successor Information Bulletins are incorporated into the terms of this grant award.
Article 56	**Award Performance Goals** FEMA will measure the recipient's performance of the grant by comparing the number of items requested in its application, the numbers acquired (ordered, paid, and received) within the period of performance. In order to measure performance, FEMA may request information throughout the period of performance. In its final performance report submitted at closeout, the recipient is required to report on the recipients compliance with the applicable industry, local, state and national standards described in the NOFO.
Article 57	**Indirect Cost Rate** 2 C.F.R. § 200.211(b)(16) requires the terms of the award to include the indirect cost rate for the federal award. If applicable, the approved indirect cost rate associated with the award must be documented in the budget or other award materials approved by FEMA and maintained in the official award file.

Obligating document

1. Agreement No.	2. Amendment No.	3. Recipient No.	4. Type of Action	5. Control No.
EMW-2025-FG-04323	N/A	582204274	AWARD	WX01671N2026T

6. Recipient Name and Address	7. Issuing FEMA Office and Address	8. Payment Office and Address
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY GOVERNMENT 535 TELFAIR ST STE 800 AUGUSTA, GA 30901	Grant Programs Directorate 500 C Street, S.W. Washington DC, 20528-7000 1-866-927-5646	FEMA, Financial Services Branch 500 C Street, S.W., Room 723 Washington DC, 20742

9. Name of Recipient Project Officer	9a. Phone No.	10. Name of FEMA Project Coordinator	10a. Phone No.
Antonio Burden	7067999804	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	1-866-274-0960

11. Effective Date of This Action	12. Method of Payment	13. Assistance Arrangement	14. Performance Period / Budget Period
09/21/2026	OTHER - FEMA GO	COST SHARING	**Performance Period** 09/28/2026 to 09/27/2028 **Budget Period** 09/28/2026 to 09/27/2028

15. Description of Action a. (Indicate funding data for awards or financial changes)

Program Name Abbreviation	Assistance Listing No.	Accounting Data (ACCS Code)	Prior Total Award	Amount Awarded This Action + or (-)	Current Total Award	Cumulative Non-Federal Commitment
FG	97.044	2026-FK-GB01 - P410-xxxx-4101-D	$0.00	$305,405.45	$305,405.45	30,540.55
		Totals	$0.00	$305,405.45	$305,405.45	$30,540.55

b. To describe changes other than funding data or financial changes, attach schedule and check here:
N/A

~~16.FOR NON-DISASTER PROGRAMS: RECIPIENT IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AND RETURN THREE (3) COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT TO FEMA (See Block 7 for address)~~
This field is not applicable for digitally signed grant agreements

17. RECIPIENT SIGNATORY OFFICIAL (Name and Title)	DATE
18. FEMA SIGNATORY OFFICIAL (Name and Title) Cynthia Spishak, Acting Associate Administrator Resilience	DATE 09/21/2026