Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Acceptance of FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award

Department:	Fire
Presenter:	Antonio Burden
Caption:	Motion to approve acceptance of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant award EMW-2025-FG-04323 and authorize the required non-federal cost share of $30,540.55.
Background:	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through FEMA, approved Augusta-Richmond County Government for $305,405.45 in federal funding under the FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The award is effective September 21, 2026. The period of performance is September 28, 2026, through September 27, 2028. Acceptance must be completed in FEMA GO before federal funds may be requested or received.
Analysis:	The approved $335,946 project covers annual, confidential 90-minute behavioral health wellness visits for 354 department personnel ($106,200) and multi-cancer early detection screening for 354 firefighters ($229,746).
Financial Impact:	Total approved budget: $335,946.00, consisting of $305,405.45 in federal funding and a required non-federal contribution of at least $30,540.55. The local match is approximately 9.09% of the total approved budget.
Alternatives:	Decline the award and forego the federal funding and the approved firefighter wellness and screening services; or defer action, which would delay award acceptance and access to federal funds.
Recommendation:	Approve the motion to approve acceptance of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant award EMW-2025-FG-04323 and authorize the required non-federal cost share of $30,540.55.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Fire Department Fund Balance
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:	Antonio Burden, Fire Chief