



## Jefferson City Fire Department AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Fire Chief Lee Turner  
**DATE:** March 10, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** 2025 Jefferson County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (Turn-Out Gear)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

- Jefferson County, along with the assistance of the nine fire departments in the county applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant for the purchase of firefighter protective equipment (turn-out gear). The total amount of funding was \$484,819.00 and will be shared among the departments. There is an 18% matching fund requirement that all departments will share.
- The cost of firefighter PPE has sustainably risen over the past few years and the replacement of gear in timely manner is becoming harder. This grant will allow us to replace 11 sets of firefighter PPE for \$.18/\$1.00 cost.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

- The total cost of the 11 sets of firefighter PPE for Jefferson City Fire Department is \$52,554.00. This places the required 18% match at \$9,459.72. This funding is currently not in the fire department's budget and would require a budget amendment to be approved.

### **REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

It is my request that City Council approve a budget amendment for \$9,459.72 to the fire department operating budget to allow the department to provide the required 18% matching funds to purchase the 11 sets of firefighter personal protective equipment (total of \$52,554.00) as part of Jefferson County's 2025 CDBG.