



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Apply and Receive the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the U.S. Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security.

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
 From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-189-2026
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 Final Adoption: June 16, 2026
 Staff Work By: Fire Chief, Jerry DeBerry
 Presentation By: Fire Chief, Jerry DeBerry

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Welcoming Community

Recommendation:
 Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:
 The Kingsport Fire Department respectfully requests funding through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program in the amount of **\$430,000** to purchase and equip a **Mini-Pumper/Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)**. This specialized apparatus will enhance emergency response capabilities in areas of the City of Kingsport that are difficult or impossible for traditional fire apparatus to access.

The proposed QRV will provide rapid response to a variety of emergencies, including parking garage incidents, brush and wildland fires, Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical emergencies, and other incidents requiring immediate intervention in restricted-access environments. The vehicle and associated equipment will improve response times, increase operational effectiveness, and enhance firefighter and public safety throughout the community.

Award of this grant at the 90% federal / 10% local cost-share level would significantly reduce the financial burden on the City of Kingsport while providing a critical public safety resource. The AFG investment would allow the department to obtain specialized equipment that would otherwise be difficult to fund through local resources alone, ensuring continued delivery of efficient, effective, and community-focused emergency services.

The Kingsport Fire Department is committed to providing service excellence and protecting the lives, property, and environment of our citizens. Funding for this project will directly support that mission by expanding emergency response capabilities and improving access to underserved and hard-to-reach areas within our community.

Attachments:
 1. Resolution

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