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MEETING DATE: Jun 3, 2026

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Chief Soward
DEPARTMENT: Fire Department
SUBJECT: Fema Assistance to Firefighters Grant

SUMMARY:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program is currently open and will remain available for a 30-day application period. The Fire Chief respectfully requests authorization to apply for this funding opportunity on behalf of the department.

The proposed application may include funding requests for the following items: the upfitting of Station 1 with a vehicle exhaust removal system; a gear carcinogen extraction washer; individual self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); fire nozzles; battery-operated hand tools; a ladder truck; and a fire boat. As part of the application strategy and to ensure transparency and competitiveness, not all listed items may ultimately be included in the final submission.

The AFG program typically requires a local cost share ranging from 10% to 20% for equipment-related awards. At this stage, the exact financial obligation for the Town cannot be determined. A more precise cost share will be identified once the application is fully developed and detailed project estimates are obtained. Attached is the NOFO with more details.

Approval to proceed with the application process is respectfully requested.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval from the board to seek out grant funding for said equipment