



Fire Department

Charter Township of White Lake

To: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
From: J. David Feichtner, Fire Chief
Date: 6/5/26
Re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Due to the extended government shut down, the normal grant timelines were adjusted and put on hold until the shutdown was over. As a result, the grant program opened up last month and is scheduled to close in the next two (2) weeks. Normally, each of the grant programs has its own open/close time frame, but because of the shutdown and lack of DHS funds, they did not open on time and now they are all open at once.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is a competitive federal program administered by FEMA that provides direct financial assistance to local fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies. It equips first responders with critical resources, including: personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency response vehicles (e.g., fire apparatus, ambulances), firefighting equipment, training, wellness/fitness programs, fire prevention activities, and staffing.

We intend on putting in for two (2) of the grant programs. We have assembled the information to apply for the 1) fire prevention and safety grant and 2) the SAFER grant for staffing.

The fire prevention grant is a one-year grant to support fire prevention activities. We will be requesting funding for one person for the expressed purpose of drawing preplans and assisting with the inspection program. Sergeant/paramedic pay was used for the cost estimation. Salary and benefits for one year total \$159,636. We have a match of \$7,601.72 with the Federal portion being \$152,034.28. We will know if we are selected by this fall when we have to log into the system to accept the award.

The SAFER grant for staffing purposes will be applied for requesting five (5) operational personnel. This is a three (3) year grant program with the Township paying 25% of the salary and benefits for the first two (2) years and 65% the last year. The grant total is \$1,626,405. The first two (2) years we will pay \$135,533.75 and the last year we will pay \$352,387.76. The total obligation would be \$623,455.28 over the three (3) years if we are selected. These grants are highly competitive. We will know if we are selected for an award by this fall as well.

We will of course keep you and the Board informed should we get selected for either of these programs.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.