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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 11/20/2013
TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWS*
RE: RESOLUTION-2013 FEMA FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Fire Department to apply for and accept funding from the US Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

This funding, through the 'Assistance to Firefighters Grants' program, will assist the Fire Department in purchasing equipment.

The requested funding for this grant program will not exceed \$800,000. FEMA will fund 80% of the total grant award (maximum of \$640,000) and the City is responsible for funding 20% (maximum of \$160,000).

If awarded, required City funding will be available in the FY13/14 and FY14/15 budget.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

Attach.

DWS/sk
Cc: Chief Herald



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CITY OF DANBURY

FIRE DEPARTMENT
19 NEW STREET
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Geoffrey R. Herald, CFO
Danbury Fire Department

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DATE: 18 NOVEMBER 2013
TO: DAVID ST. HILAIRE, FINANCE DIRECTOR
FROM: GEOFF R. HERALD, FIRE CHIEF
RE: GRANT APPLICATION / PERMISSION
CC: SUE KAMINSKI, FINANCE DEPT.

David,

I would request the approval of the City Council to permit me to apply for a Federal "Assistance for Firefighters Grant" for the Danbury Fire Department. The purpose of the grant is to purchase equipment.

The Federal share of the grant, if awarded, will not exceed \$640,000 and the city share will not exceed \$160,000.

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Geoffrey Herald
Fire Chief



RESOLUTION

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2013

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made a funding opportunity available through its Assistance to Firefighters Grants program to the City of Danbury Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, this funding will be used by the City of Danbury Fire Department to purchase equipment; and

WHEREAS, the federal award from FEMA for this 12 month grant cycle will not exceed \$640,000 and the required City match will not exceed \$160,000 and will be awarded in the 13/14 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the budget will be reviewed for availability of funds to be used towards the City match, with fund balance reserved if necessary to meet the required amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or his designee, Geoff Herald, Fire Chief of the City of Danbury, is authorized to apply for and accept this funding from FEMA and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.

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FY2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM (AFG) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

OVERVIEW INFORMATION

Issued By

US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
Grants Program Directorate (GPD)

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number

97.044

CFDA Title

Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Funding Opportunity Announcement Title

Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, Public Law 93-498, as amended
(15 U.S.C. § 2229)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2013, Public Law 113-6

FOA Number

DHS-13-GPD-044-000-99

Key Dates and Time

Application Start Date:	11/4/2013 at 8:00 AM EST
Application Submission Deadline Date:	12/6/2013 at 5:00 PM EST
Anticipated Funding Selection Date:	2/3/2014
Anticipated Award Date:	2/10/2014

Other Key Dates

N/A

Intergovernmental Review

Is an intergovernmental review required? Yes No

Application Submission Extension

Is an extension to the application submission deadline permitted? Yes No

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Program Overview and Priorities

FY 2013 AFG is a suite of competitive discretionary grants comprised of three (3) interconnected component programs (Operations and Safety, Vehicle Acquisition, and Joint/Regional) for awarding direct financial assistance to fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies.

Criteria Development Panel (CDP)

FEMA annually convenes the Criteria Development Panel (CDP), a panel of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) representing major fire service organizations, which is responsible for recommending fair and consistent application criteria and program priorities to FEMA.

For additional details, please see Appendix B, 1. Criteria Development Panel (CDP), page 25.

Community Classification

FEMA has determined that due to the inherent differences among urban, suburban, and rural communities, priority rankings of **High** , **Medium** , or **Low** will be assigned to eligible AFG Program Activities within each community, based on community type.

For additional details, please see Appendix B, 8. Community Classifications, page 31

Program Objectives

- The **objective** of the FY 2013 AFG Program is to award grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies for critically needed resources to protect the public, to train emergency personnel, and to foster interoperability and support community resilience.
- The **purpose** of the AFG Program is to enhance through direct financial assistance, the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.

For additional details, please see Appendix B, 2. AFG Programs and Eligible Activities, page 25

- FY 2013 AFG Programs play an important role in the implementation of the *National Preparedness System (NPS)* by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the *National Preparedness Goal (NPG)* of a secure and resilient Nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government.