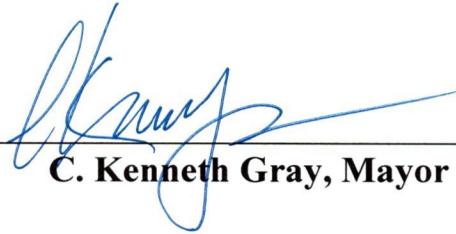




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C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

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An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$227,316 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of funding training programs for Fire Department Personnel in both Amesbury and Salisbury.

Summary: This Order authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$227,316 for the purpose of funding training programs for personnel in the Amesbury and Salisbury Fire Departments. A regional application for these funds was filed jointly by Amesbury and Salisbury, and FEMA notified the City on August 30 that the application has been selected for award of the requested grant funds. The grant requires a match in the amount of \$22,731, which will be provided in-kind in the form of staff time by the Amesbury and Salisbury Fire Departments.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$227,316 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of funding training programs for Fire Department personnel in both Amesbury and Salisbury.

Evan Kenney

From: Ken Berkenbush
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Evan Kenney
Subject: FW: Award Notification (Application Number: [EMW-2018-FR-00269])

From: FEMA GO [<mailto:no-reply@fema.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:41 PM
To: Ken Berkenbush
Cc: Robert Serino; scarrigan@salisburyma.gov
Subject: Award Notification (Application Number: [EMW-2018-FR-00269])

Dear Kenneth,

Congratulations! Your grant application submitted under the Grant Programs Directorate's FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grants has been approved for award.

Please use the FEMA GO system at <https://go.fema.gov> to accept or decline your award. Please note that you will have thirty (30) days from the date of this award notification to either accept or decline the award, and that the award must be accepted or declined by an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) within the FEMA GO system. Instructions for registering within the system and becoming an AOR are available at <https://www.fema.gov/gmm-training-resources>.

Once you are in the system and made an AOR for your organization, your home page will be the first screen you see. You will see a section entitled My Grants. In this section, please select the award acceptance link for EMW-2018-FR-00269 under FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grants. View your award package and indicate your acceptance or declination of award. If you wish to accept your grant, you should do so immediately. When you have finished, we recommend printing your award package for your records.

If you have questions on using the FEMA GO system, please reach out to the FEMA Enterprise Service Desk (1-877-611-4700). For programmatic questions about your grant, please reach out to the AFG Helpdesk (firegrants@fema.dhs.gov / 1-866-274-0960).

All recipients are required to comply with FEMA EHP Policy Guidance. This EHP Policy Guidance can be found in [FEMA Policy \(FP\) 108-023-1, Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Policy Guidance](#).

If you have questions, please reach out to the AFG Helpdesk (firegrants@fema.dhs.gov / 1-866-274-0960) or the FEMA GO team (femago@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Grants Management Branch

Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Department of Homeland Security / FEMA

Project Description:

One of the primary goals of the Amesbury & Salisbury Fire Departments is to provide superior response for suppression of fire, in the event of an emergency. A comprehensive risk assessment of the department has identified that the most pressing risk is the department's lack of training. This compromises firefighter and community safety. The department is in dire need of a training program to support one of the department's most valuable assets, its own firefighters.

The Amesbury & Salisbury Fire Departments are requesting funding in the amount of \$250,047 (\$227,316 federal share) through the 2018 AFG Regional Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program to facilitate a training program for all members of both departments. Costs associated with the program been obtained through the Massachusetts Firefighting academy (who will be delivering all classes), and current city contracts for overtime costs. A memorandum of understanding between both communities has been signed and will be in place prior to the award and through the duration of the period of performance.

This purchase will decrease risk to the community and firefighters with increased reliability, and would decrease potential for injury or fatality. To facilitate every member getting through the program without interruption, all members will be trained off shift, in two-four groups. If awarded, the department will use the funds from the AFG grant for 66 members. This will include:

Rapid Intervention Training: 8-hour class @ \$55/hour for overtime (cost averaged over both departments) x 66 members: \$29,040. Cost of class: \$2,499 x 4 classes (16+/- per class) necessary to accommodate all members: \$9,996.
TOTAL: \$39,036

Emergency Vehicle Operators Class: 16-hour class @ \$55/hour for overtime (cost averaged over both departments) x 66 members: \$58,080. Cost of class: \$3,257 x 3 classes (22+/- per class) necessary to accommodate all members: \$9,771.
TOTAL: \$67,851

Pump Operators Class: 16-hour class @ \$55/hour for overtime (cost averaged over both departments) x 66 members: \$58,080. Cost of class: \$4,500 x 3 classes (22+/- per class) necessary to accommodate all members: \$13,500.
TOTAL: \$71,580

Aerial Operators Class: 16-hour class @ \$55/hour for overtime (cost averaged over both departments) x 66 members: \$58,080. Cost of class: \$4,500 x 3 classes (22+/- per class) necessary to accommodate all members: \$13,500.
TOTAL: \$71,580

The training programs will bring both departments into NFPA 1002 standard (pump driver/operator and aerial driver/operator) and would allow the department to have the

tools to comply with NFPA 1710, and provide the department with training necessary to comply with NFPA 1407. There is a very real possibility that continuing without this training will put forth unacceptable risk to the citizens and firefighters of Amesbury, Salisbury and surrounding communities.

The Amesbury & Salisbury fire departments have the backing of their respective communities and their firefighters to pursue the AFG grant with the departments funding the required match (\$22,731). The department will have project completed within the one year Period of Performance, conducting one of the 4-part trainings over every quarter. The goal of providing for firefighter and community safety will be accomplished with the award of this grant.