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Kassandra Gove

BILL No. 2021-132

Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY20 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Summary: This SAFER grant from FEMA (in the amount of \$2,112,921.84), with no City of Amesbury match, will fund additional positions in the Fire Department for the life of the grant.

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

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a FY20 SAFER Grant for \$2,112,921.84 from FEMA.

Award Letter

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

Effective date: 08/31/2021

Kenneth Berkenbush
AMESBURY, TOWN OF
62 FRIEND STREET
AMESBURY, MA 01913

EMW-2020-FF-01699



FEMA

Dear Kenneth Berkenbush,

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$2,112,921.84 in Federal funding.

FEMA has waived, in part or in full, one or more requirements for this grant award. See the Summary Award Memo for additional information about Economic Hardship Waivers.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Summary Award Memo - included in this document
- Agreement Articles - included in this document
- Obligating Document - included in this document
- 2020 SAFER Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Farmer".

Robert Farmer
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator,
Grant Programs Directorate

Summary Award Memo

Program: Fiscal Year 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

Recipient: AMESBURY, TOWN OF

DUNS number: 073807398

Award number: EMW-2020-FF-01699

Summary description of award

The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. After careful consideration, FEMA has determined that the recipient's project or projects submitted as part of the recipient's application and detailed in the project narrative as well as the request details section of the application — including budget information — was consistent with the SAFER Grant Program's purpose and was worthy of award.

Except as otherwise approved as noted in this award, the information you provided in your application for FY2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) funding is incorporated into the terms and conditions of this award. This includes any documents submitted as part of the application.

Approved Economic Hardship Waivers

Position cost limit waiver

FEMA has waived the position cost limit requirement for this grant award. Costs are limited to the approved budget.

Cost share waiver

FEMA has waived the cost share requirement for this grant award. You are not required to contribute non-Federal funds for this grant award. The recipient is responsible for any costs that exceed the Federal funding provided for this grant award.

Minimum budget waiver

FEMA has waived the minimum budget requirement for this award.

Non-supplanting waiver

FEMA has waived the non-supplanting requirement for this award. SAFER grant funds may be used to replace funds that would be available from State or local sources or from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Amount awarded table

The amount of the award is detailed in the attached Obligating Document for Award.

The following are the total approved budgeted estimates for object classes for all funded firefighter positions for this award (including Federal share plus your cost share, if applicable, as applied to the estimated costs):

Object Class	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
Personnel	\$509,046.72	\$523,810.56	\$559,453.44	\$1,592,310.72
Fringe benefits	\$170,112.00	\$173,514.40	\$176,984.72	\$520,611.12
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$679,158.72	\$697,324.96	\$736,438.16	\$2,112,921.84
Non-federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$679,158.72	\$697,324.96	\$736,438.16	\$2,112,921.84
Program Income				\$0.00

Approved scope of work

After review of your application, FEMA has approved the below scope of work. Justifications are provided for any differences between the scope of work in the original application and the approved scope of work under this award. You must submit scope or budget revision requests for FEMA's prior approval, via an amendment request, as appropriate per 2 C.F.R. § 200.308 and the FY2020 SAFER NOFO.

Approved request details:

Hiring of Firefighters

New, Additional Firefighter(s)

BENEFITS FUNDED

In addition to the salary the firefighter receives: 1. Health Insurance - Amesbury pays for 75% employee/Family medical plans. Plan total: \$27,648. City Cost: \$20,736 & Employee Cost: \$6,912 2. Dental Insurance - Amesbury pays for 50% employee/Family dental plans. Plan total: \$912. City Cost: \$456 & Employee Cost: \$456 3. Term Life Insurance - Amesbury pays for 80% employee. Plan total: \$86. City Cost: \$72 & Employee Cost: \$14 Total Cost to the city: \$21,264.00 Retirement - mandatory contribution for the employee at state rate - currently 13%. City does not contribute a match; the funds go into market accounts which the city and county assume liability of and pay out once the employee has retired. The city & county continue to pay for the employee even after the employees' contribution has been gone through.

NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS

8

	ANNUAL SALARY PRICE	ANNUAL BENEFITS	TOTAL PER FIREFIGHTER
Year 1	\$63,630.84	\$21,264.00	\$84,894.84
Year 2	\$65,476.32	\$21,689.30	\$87,165.62
Year 3	\$69,931.68	\$22,123.09	\$92,054.77
3 Year Total	\$2,112,921.84		