



City of New Haven

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Meeting Agenda Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Board of Alders Chamber

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

(Board of Alders-New Haven Notice) The Public Safety Committee will meet in-person on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM located at 165 Church St., 2nd floor, Board of Alders Chamber, New Haven, CT, to hear the following items:

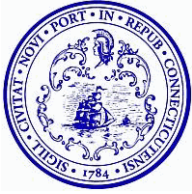
[LM-2026-0278](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,739,954.86 TO REPLACE AND UPGRADE RADIO EQUIPMENT

[LM-2026-0281](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FFY25 OF \$254,181.82 TO PURCHASE AND UPFIT A TACTICAL SUPPORT UNIT TO CONSOLIDATE SPECIALIZED RESCUE EQUIPMENT

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street, New Haven, CT. Per order: Hon. Brian Wingate, Chair: Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk.

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Date Submitted: June 25, 2026

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Submitted By: Emergency Management

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Controller's Signature (if grant):

Mayor's Office Signature:


Signed by: Michael Gormany
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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
KAYLA BLAND
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Dear Alders,

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TO (list applicable alders of): ALL

WARD # ALL

DATE: **June 25, 2026**

FROM: Department/Office Emergency Management/ED
Person Kayla Bland, Emergency Management Director Telephone (203)946-8226

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Check one if this an appointment to a Board or Commission:

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE: June 25, 2026
FROM (Dept.): Emergency Management and Homeland Security
CONTACT: Kayla Bland PHONE 203-946-8226

SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):

Emergency Management Performance Grant

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A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
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3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	
B. Non-personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	\$173,995.49	3C262622
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO	☐
YES	☒

1. One-time
\$1,739,954.86

2. Annual

Other Comments:

Total Project: \$1,913,950.35 – Federal Share = \$1,739,954.86, City Share = \$173,995.49 which will be covered by available Fire Department Radio Capital

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

PROGRAM NAME: 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

(X) NEW () CONTINUATION
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$1,913,950.35

FUNDING SOURCE: Emergency Management Performance Grant

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AGENCY/Assistance to Firefighters Grant offers funds and other resources to communities to aid local departments in fire prevention and response.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL: The New Haven Fire Department

(NHFD) is requesting funds from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant FFY25 replace and upgrade radio equipment to optimize safety and security of the City of New Haven and surrounding communities. Total federal funding requested is \$1,913,950.35, with a 10% City match requirement of \$173,995.49. Net federal funding will be \$1,739,954.86.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): 10% City match requirement of \$173,995.49 (Proposed sources of match is NHFD Capital Budget funds)

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: N/A

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Emergency Management

CONTACT PERSON: Kayla Bland-Emergency Management Director

DATE: June 25th, 2026

GRANT SUMMARY	
Grant Title:	FFY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG Grant)
MUNIS #:	TBD
City Department:	Office of Emergency Management
City Contact Person & Phone:	Kayla Bland, Director, Emergency Management Phone: (203) 946-8224 Email: KBland@newhavenct.gov
Funding Level:	N/A
Funding Period:	FEMA's Fiscal Year 2025
Funding Source:	FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
Purpose of Program:	The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT offers funds and other resources to communities to aid local departments in fire prevention and response.
Personnel (salary):	\$0.00
Personnel (Worker's Comp):	\$0.00
Personnel (Med. Benefit):	\$0.00
Non-Personnel (total):	\$1,913,950.35 (Total Project: \$1,913,950.35 – Federal Share = \$1,739,954.86, City Share = \$173,995.49 which will be covered by available Fire Department Radio Capital)
Non-Personnel (M & U):	
New or Renewal?	NEW
Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?	N/A
Reporting requirements: Fiscal	Quarterly reporting per fiscal year
Reporting requirements: Programmatic	Bi-Annual reporting
Due date of first report:	TBD
Audit Requirements:	SINGLE FEDERAL



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JUSTIN MCCARTHY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRANT TITLE: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

FUNDING LEVEL: \$1,913,950.35 (\$1,739,954.86 Federal / \$173,995.49 City)

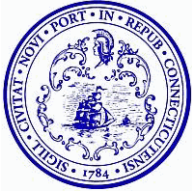
FUNDING PERIOD: Federal FY 2025 + 3 years for performance

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal Emergency Management Agency-FEMA

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/Assistance to Firefighters Grant is awarded to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire related hazards. The funding from this year's application will be used to upgrade near end of life Fire Radios to improve operability and safety.

CONTACT PERSON: Kayla Bland- Emergency Management Director 203-946-8226



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 Signed by: Michael Gorman
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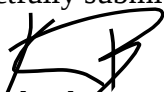
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Person Kayla Bland, Emergency Management Director Telephone (203)946-8226

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CONTACT: Kayla Bland PHONE 203-946-8226

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2. One-time	\$0	\$0	\$25,418.18	3C222216 – Fire Protect Equipment Capital
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO ☐
YES ☒

1. One-time
\$254,181.82

2. Annual

Other Comments:

Total Project: \$279,600.00 (\$254,181.82= Federal Share/Grant, \$25,418.18 = City match, capital)

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

PROGRAM NAME: 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

(X) NEW () CONTINUATION
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$279,600.00
(\$254,181.82= Federal Share/Grant, \$25,418.18 = City match, capital)

FUNDING SOURCE: Emergency Management Performance Grant

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/Assistance to Firefighters Grant offers funds and other resources to communities to aid local departments in fire prevention and response.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY’S PROPOSAL: The New Haven Fire Department (NHFD) is requesting funds from FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant FFY25 to purchase a NFPA 1900-compliant side-loading Tactical Support Unit and provide the necessary upfitting to support specialized rescue operations. This purpose-built unit will consolidate trench rescue, confined space, structural collapse, rope rescue, machine rescue, airbag, and other technical rescue equipment currently dispersed across multiple trailers and aging apparatus. Centralizing these assets on a single modern platform will significantly improve deployment efficiency, enhance responder safety, reduce delays during emergency response, and ensure compliance with applicable standards. The 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, if awarded, provides federal funding in the amount of \$254,181.82 for the purchase and upfitting of the Tactical Support Unit. As a condition of accepting these funds, the City is required to contribute non-federal matching funds equal to or greater than 10 percent of the federal award, totaling \$25,418.18, for a full project budget of \$279,600.00.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): 10% City match requirement of \$25,418.18, (Proposed sources of match is NHFD Capital Budget funds)

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: N/A

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Emergency Management

CONTACT PERSON: Kayla Bland-Emergency Management Director

DATE: June 25th, 2026

GRANT SUMMARY	
Grant Title:	FFY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG Grant)
MUNIS #:	TBD
City Department:	Office of Emergency Management
City Contact Person & Phone:	Kayla Bland, Director, Emergency Management Phone: (203) 946-8224 Email: KBland@newhavenct.gov
Funding Level:	N/A
Funding Period:	FEMA's Fiscal Year 2025
Funding Source:	FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
Purpose of Program:	The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT offers funds and other resources to communities to aid local departments in fire prevention and response. The funding will cover the purchase and upfit of a vehicle to consolidate all of the tactical response equipit
Personnel (salary):	\$0.00
Personnel (Worker's Comp):	\$0.00
Personnel (Med. Benefit):	\$0.00
Non-Personnel (total):	\$279,600.00 (\$279,600.00 (\$254,181.82= Federal Share/Grant, \$25,418.18 = City match, capital)
Non-Personnel (M & U):	0
New or Renewal?	NEW
Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?	N/A
Reporting requirements: Fiscal	Quarterly reporting per fiscal year
Reporting requirements: Programmatic	Bi-Annual reporting
Due date of first report:	TBD
Audit Requirements:	FEDERAL SINGLE



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRANT TITLE: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

FUNDING LEVEL: \$279,600.00 (\$254,181.82= Federal Share/Grant, \$25,418.18 = City match, capital)

FUNDING PERIOD: FY 2025

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal Emergency Management Agency-FEMA

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/Assistance to Firefighters Grant is awarded to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire related hazards. The funding from this year's application the City to purchase a NFPA 1900-compliant side-loading Tactical Support Unit and provide the necessary upfitting to support specialized rescue operations. This purpose-built unit will consolidate trench rescue, confined space, structural collapse, rope rescue, machine rescue, airbag, and other technical rescue equipment currently dispersed across multiple trailers and aging apparatus. Centralizing these assets on a single modern platform will significantly improve deployment efficiency, enhance responder safety, reduce delays during emergency response, and ensure compliance with applicable standards.

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