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President Walker-Myers
New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I am writing to request that the Board of Alders grant permission for the application and acceptance of 2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for fiscal year 2024.

Previous Assistance to Firefighters Grants have allowed the city to replace antiquated equipment, such as pumpers and engines, rehab units, and washers and extractors. The 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant will replace and upgrade radio equipment and air cylinders to optimize safety and security of the City of New Haven and surrounding communities. The cylinders hold compressed air for firefighters to breathe healthy and clean air. They will be replaced with new air cylinders which have a decade of life expectancy and are critical for firefighting operations to protect the respiratory system. The portable radios will be upgraded with modern communication functions to enhance the safety of the firefighters and optimize rescue communications to enhance fire suppression operations.

The 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded federal funding in the amount of \$1,181,363.64 to replace and upgrade radio equipment and air cylinders. As a condition of accepting the funds we will be required to contribute non-federal funds equal to or greater than 10% (\$118,236.36) of the federal funds for a total approved budget of \$1,299,500.00

Sincerely,

Patrick Labuff, DEM Candidate, M.A./M.A.