



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: November 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Submission of AFG Vehicle grant For the Division of Fire & Emergency Services

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**Request:** Council authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program requesting federal funding for \$600,000 to acquire a boat or brush trucks.

**Purpose of Request:** FEMA has determined that acquiring essential equipment, such as emergency vehicles, meets national, state, or DHS-adopted standards and enhances response capabilities is a high priority per the 2024 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity. The Lexington Fire Department ensures rapid and efficient emergency response throughout Fayette County. The opportunity to apply for this grant will help cover the costs of acquiring a new emergency vehicle, ensuring we maintain the highest level of service for the residents of Fayette County. This grant would allow us to reallocate funds spent on vehicle maintenance, directly supporting the department's mission and improving overall operational efficiency.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** If the grant is approved, a 10% match of \$60,000 is required to match the \$600,000 federal award.

**Are the funds budgeted?** A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

