



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: May 21, 2026

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Request: Council authorization to submit an application and accept, if offered to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to fund paramedic training for members of the Division of Fire and Emergency services. The annual budgeted cost for initial paramedic certification training is \$1,000,000. The grant application seeks federal funding of \$909,091 which with the required match of 10%, will fund the program.

Purpose of Request: FEMA has determined that hands-on, instructor-led training that meets national, state, or DHS adopted standards and results in a national or state certification provides the greatest training benefit and is considered a high priority per the FY 2025 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity. Division members successfully completing our in-house accredited paramedic education program will become certified as National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) and Kentucky Board of EMS (KBEMS) paramedics.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$909,091 will be awarded, requiring a 10% match of \$90,909.

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

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

