



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-1011

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 23, 2025

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the Acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funds for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,360,720 – (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission accept the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,360,720 to implement a High-Rise Incident Management Training Program and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the acceptance of these funds.

Background

As our skyline continues to rise, so does the need to ensure that the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Department is prepared for whatever the next emergency may bring. The recently awarded Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) will fund a new training program, specifically designed to address identified areas for improvement while also supporting the growing demands of our city.

This program is designed to enhance firefighter capabilities, reduce response times, and improve overall safety during high-rise emergencies. Training will consist of 32 instructional hours per firefighter, delivered in small-group formats to maximize learning, engagement, and operational readiness.

Upon completion, FLFR personnel will possess enhanced critical thinking skills and operational expertise necessary for effective high-rise incident response.

Grant funds will cover personnel overtime, training materials, and facility rentals. The program is scheduled to be delivered over a 24-month period, spanning Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City of \$1,237,018.18, with a required local cash match of \$123,701.82. This item is contingent upon approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #25-0931), to be included on the November 4,

2025, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

Funds available as of September 25, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-331-504-24GAFG	FY24 Assistance to Firefighters	Intergovernmental Revenues/ Federal Grant - FEMA	N/A	N/A	\$1,237,018.18
10-001-4020-522-10-1501	Fire Operations	Salaries & Wages / Overtime 1.5X Pay	N/A	N/A	\$123,701.82
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,360,720.00

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10-129-9300-529-10-1501-24GAFG	FY24 Assistance to Firefighters	Salaries & Wages / Overtime 1.5X Pay	N/A	N/A	\$1,171,018.18
10-129-9300-529-30-3925-24GAFG	FY24 Assistance to Firefighters	Services/Materials / Office Equipment < \$5000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000.00
10-129-9300-529-30-3322-24GAFG	FY24 Assistance to Firefighters	Services/Materials / Other Facility Rent	N/A	N/A	\$16,000.00
10-129-9400-529-10-1501-24GAFGA	FY24 Assistance to Firefighters	Salaries & Wages / Overtime 1.5X Pay	N/A	N/A	\$123,701.82
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,360,720.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Award Letter

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