



THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
NORTH CAROLINA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: February 25, 2020

To: Debora P. Diaz
Town Manager

From: Troy N. Tilley 
Fire Chief

Re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, explains that the primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is "...to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations and State Fire Training Academies. This funding is critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience."

We are seeking AFG funding for the acquisition of TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) capable, P-25 compliant, 800 MHz vehicle and personnel portable communications equipment, to replace the non-compliant equipment, to current standards. The request also addresses one of the core capabilities of the National Preparedness Goal, Fire Management and Suppression.

Our mission is "to minimize the risks of fire and other hazards to the citizens and visitors of Kill Devil Hills by educating the public on safety issues, prompt response to emergency situations and providing mitigation of emergency situations through highly trained and well-equipped personnel in a caring, courteous and professional manner." In order to continue meeting our mission, we need up-to-date equipment to conduct emergency fire and all hazard operations in the Town.

I am requesting Board of Commissioners' approval to apply for the grant, for an approximate amount of \$300,000, with a 5% required matching funds, \$15,000. The estimated awarding will be done in May or June; but could go into the Fall of 2020. The application submission deadline is March 13, 2020.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.