



# MEMORANDUM

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**Resolution 26-043, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Staff of Homer Volunteer Fire Department to Apply for the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant. City Manager/Fire Chief**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and City Council  
**Date:** June 17, 2026  
**From:** Dan Jager, Fire Chief  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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**Purpose:** To inform City Council of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department's intention to apply for the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant and to request Council support and authorization of the required local match.

**Discussion:** The department intends to apply for the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant, due June 22, 2026, to purchase 30 sets of structural firefighter turnout gear.

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department seeks authorization to apply for the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant to purchase 30 sets of structural firefighter turnout gear.

Much of the department's current gear has reached or is nearing the ten-year service-life limit established by NFPA 1851 and must be removed from service.

If awarded, the grant would allow the department to replace aging equipment, provide a second set of turnout gear for paid staff when primary gear is being cleaned and decontaminated, maintain operational readiness during back-to-back emergency responses, and reduce the financial burden on the City.

Due to the timing of the grant notice, staff provided advance notice and City Manager approval and now seeks formal Council approval through the accompanying resolution.

**Fiscal Impact:** The total project cost is estimated to be \$122,700, with \$117,000 funded by the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant and a required 5% local match of \$5,700. The local match will be funded through the Fire General Fund CARMA funds.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the accompanying resolution supporting the 2026 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant application and authorizing the required local match.