



Floral Park Fire Department

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April 30, 2025

The Honorable Laura Gillen
428 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am the Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department (the "Department"). I am writing to express my strong support for the Village of Floral Park's (the "Village") application for Community Project Funding for the purchase of a hook and ladder fire truck.

The Department provides essential firematic services to not only the 16,000 residents and village businesses of Floral Park, but also to over 130,000 residents and businesses in our mutual aid response area - from the Village of Mineola west to the New York City border. The acquisition of a new hook and ladder truck is essential for the Village's continued delivery of essential firematic services.

Due to an unfortunate accident in 2025, our Hook and Ladder truck was a total loss. In order to continue our operations and provide the proper protection for our community, the Village purchase a used 1997 Hook & Ladder Fire Truck. Although still in service, the Existing Hook and Ladder Fire Truck is subject to need for frequent servicing, which takes it out of use and is extremely costly to repair. As the Existing Hook and Ladder Fire Truck is the only hook and ladder fire truck in the "Four Village" area of Bellerose, Stewart Manor, South Floral Park and Floral Park, when it is not in service, it puts a strain on not only the Four Village Area, but also on the entire mutual aid area that the Floral Park Fire Department serves.

The members of the Department spend a considerable amount of effort planning for the future truck and equipment needs of the Department. This is made more complicated by recent changes in the market for fire vehicles equipment. The cost of firematic equipment has increased dramatically over the last few years and delivery times for such vehicles now take several years. This makes planning for the Departments needs all the more critical as we cannot wait until existing equipment is no longer functioning before we replace it, since ready replacements are not available.

The men and women who volunteer in the Department are committed to continuing to provide the highest level of service. The acquisition of a new hook and ladder fire truck is

essential for the Department to continue in its mission to protecting the residents of the Village and western Nassau County.

Thank you for your support of this mission of the volunteer firefighters. If you require any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Gil. Luger
Chief of Department
Floral Park Fire Department

Scott P. Strauss

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May 1, 2025

Congresswoman Laura Gillen
United States House of Representatives
428 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Hon. Laura Gillen,

On behalf of the Village of Floral Park, I am writing to strongly support the Village's Community Project Funding application for the purchase of a new Hook & Ladder fire truck.

The Floral Park Fire Department serves over 16,000 residents and businesses throughout the densely populated Village of Floral Park. If approved, these funds would be used to assist the Village in purchasing crucial emergency equipment for its volunteer Fire Department. A new Hook & Ladder fire truck would not only benefit the Village of Floral Park, but also the nearby Villages of Bellerose, Stewart Manor, and South Floral Park.

In the event of an emergency, the volunteer members of the Floral Park Fire Department rise to the occasion to face any situation and assist their neighbors. The County-wide firematic services provided by the Floral Park Fire Department are of the utmost importance and it is critical that they are afforded all of the resources available to allow them to serve the community.

Thank you for your consideration of the Village's Federal funding application.

Regards,

Scott P. Strauss
Nassau County Legislator, District 9

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May 5, 2025

The Honorable Laura Gillen
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Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am writing to express strong support for the Village of Floral Park's application for Community Project Funding with respect to purchasing a new hook and ladder fire truck. This initiative is essential to the fire department's tireless dedication towards ensuring continued delivery of life-saving services.

The Floral Park Fire Department has served the Village tirelessly since its inception and provides crucial services to one of the most densely populated areas in Nassau County. Due to a recent and unfortunate accident, the department's hook and ladder truck is no longer serviceable, and the used truck the Village purchased to continue critical operations is in need of frequent servicing. Through the purchase of a new truck, the department's ability to respond effectively and efficiently to emergencies would be significantly enhanced, particularly in hard-to-reach areas.

A new hook and ladder truck would not only service the 16,000 residents and businesses of Floral Park but would provide services to the over 130,000 residents and businesses in western Nassau County, through the department's mutual aid response measures. With significant increases in costs across the board in recent years, costs for equipment have also risen dramatically, and delivery times have increased significantly as well.

The department's need is urgent, and I strongly urge you to consider their application so that the dedicated men and women who show up every day may be able to continue their valiant mission in providing the highest level of service protecting the residents of the Village of Floral Park and western Nassau County.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions, you can contact my office at canzoneri@nysenate.gov or (518) 455-2400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia M. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick'.

Patricia M. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
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May 7th, 2025

Hon. Laura Gillen
US House of Representatives
4th Congressional District Office
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Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Village of Floral Park's application for federal funding to acquire a new hook and ladder fire truck for the Floral Park Fire Department.

The Department plays a vital role in safeguarding not only the 16,000 residents of Floral Park but also over 130,000 individuals within a broader mutual aid response area, which extends from the Village of Mineola to the New York City border. The new hook and ladder truck represents critical infrastructure that will significantly enhance emergency response capabilities throughout western Nassau County.

Currently, the Department relies on a used 1997 hook and ladder truck, acquired after an accident rendered the previous one inoperable. This aging vehicle often needs repairs, making it temporarily unavailable. As the only hook and ladder truck serving the "Four Village" area—Floral Park, South Floral Park, Stewart Manor, and Bellerose—its downtime significantly burdens nearby departments and hampers aerial firefighting and rescue operations.

The increasing presence of multi-story residential buildings in the region further intensifies the necessity for a fully functional and modern ladder truck. This vehicle will enable trained volunteer firefighters to safely access upper floors, enhance rescue operations, and respond more effectively during complex emergencies.

Investing in this equipment is essential to ensure that our communities are protected by a fire service capable of addressing contemporary challenges. It is a matter of safety, regional preparedness, and operational reliability. I respectfully urge your thorough consideration and support for this request.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and advocacy for public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michaelle Solages".

Honorable Michaelle C. Solages
New York State Assembly Member
Twenty-second Assembly District

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April 30, 2025

The Honorable Laura Gillen
428 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Village of Floral Park's application for federal grant funding to purchase a much-needed hook and ladder truck. As a vital component of our community's emergency response infrastructure, the fire department has consistently demonstrated professionalism, bravery, and an unwavering commitment to protecting lives and property.

The Floral Park Hook & Ladder Company is older than the Village itself, having been incorporated on May 18, 1893, fourteen years before the Village's incorporation. Today, the Hook & Ladder Company is comprised of more than 25 dedicated and highly trained men and women from across the Village who are ready around the clock, to serve the residents of Floral Park.

Our Village continues to grow both in population and in the number of multi-story residential structures. Unfortunately, the department's current ladder truck is aging and often in need of costly repairs. A new hook and ladder truck would significantly enhance the department's ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies, particularly in hard-to-reach areas or upper floors where aerial access is essential. A new hook and ladder truck will not only service the 16,000 residents and village businesses of Floral Park, but also would service over 130,000 residents and businesses in our mutual aid response area from the Village of Mineola west to the New York City border.

Investing in this equipment is not just about firefighting; it's about ensuring our first responders have the tools they need to save lives under the most challenging conditions. As Fire Commissioner, I have the privilege of working with and watching our Fire Department sacrifice time away from their own families to come to the aid of residents across our Village at all times of the day and night, on holidays, on birthdays, during their children's games and school plays. The men and women of the Floral Park Fire Department deserve equipment that matches their skill and dedication. I respectfully urge your full support in securing this grant, which will directly contribute to the safety and resilience of our community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and advocacy on behalf of public safety and emergency services. Should you require any further information or local support regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stewart

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Village Trustee and
Fire Commissioner
Village of Floral Park

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Dear Congresswoman Gillen,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Village of Floral Park's (the "Village") application for Community Project Funding for the purchase of a hook and ladder fire truck. This new hook and ladder truck is essential for the Village's continued delivery of essential firematic services.

It is important to note the Floral Park Fire Department serves not only the 16,000 residents and businesses of the Village, but also services, through our mutual aid agreements with surrounding villages and fire districts, over 130,000 residents and businesses in western Nassau County. Also, the Floral Park Fire Department is the only fire department in the Four Village area (Bellerose, Stewart Manor, South Floral Park and Floral Park) with a hook and ladder fire truck.

A new hook and ladder fire truck is also essential for the Village's ability to continue to grow. Floral Park is among the most densely populated areas of Nassau County, and continues to grow. Over the last several years the Village has approved new multi-family apartment construction in several locations. There is also continued interest by developers in multi-story apartment construction along the Village's commercial corridor, which is zoned for such construction. A new hook and ladder truck is essential to provide continued service to these new buildings and the residents and businesses that come with them.

Continuing to provide these essential services is challenging for the Village. As you are probably aware, the cost of firematic equipment has increased dramatically over the last few years. Nonetheless, the Village is committed, through our dedicated Fire Department and its members, to consistently and reliably providing essential firematic services to its current residents and to provide such services to support the growth that the Village is experiencing. This new hook and ladder truck is an important part of this commitment and has the full support of the Village's elected representatives on the Floral Park Village Board.

Thank you for your support of this vital project. If you require any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Fitzgerald

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Mayor
Village of Floral Park