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Via Email and First-Class Mail

Dear Fire Chief:

Thank you for serving on the front lines and protecting our communities from fires, emergencies and natural disasters. As your Representative in Congress, I'm committed to supporting our first responders by maximizing the federal resources we bring back from Washington to Long Island to help you do your jobs safely and effectively. That is why I am urging fire departments across the Fourth Congressional District to apply for the Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to help fire departments and emergency medical services organizations acquire fire apparatus and personal protective equipment, make facility modifications and train personnel. My team and I are eager to assist you, and I would be glad to write a letter asking for full and fair consideration of your application.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) AFG program provides federal funding directly to fire departments and EMS organizations for equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, as well as health, wellness and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents. first responders. In FY25, there is \$291.6 million available through the AFG program. These grants are already appropriated from our tax dollars. But you must apply to secure these funds for our communities or they will go to other towns and cities across the country. You may find additional information about the program at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants> and access the Notice of Funding Opportunity at: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rsl_hmd_fy25-afg-nofo_05292026.pdf.

The deadline to apply for the FY25 AFG program is Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5 p.m. ET. You can complete the full application at <https://go.fema.gov>. You may also contact the AFG Program Help Desk for technical assistance and any questions you might have as you apply at: (866) 274-0960 or by email at FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office by calling (516) 739-3008 or emailing christopher.murray@mail.house.gov for any support or assistance. Thank you for your work to help protect and secure our communities, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make Long Island safer.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura A. Gillen".

Laura A. Gillen
Member of Congress