

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 121

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2024 AFG GRANT THROUGH FEMA, AND TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A NEW 100 FOOT LADDER TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent Fire Department would like to apply for the FY 2024 AFG Grant through FEMA; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funding for a new 100 foot ladder truck; and

WHEREAS, the grant is expected not to exceed \$591,536.96.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:


**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council authorizes the Kent Fire Department to apply for the FY 2024 AFG Grant.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of any such grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

**SECTION 3.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: December 18, 2024  
Date

  
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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: December 18, 2024  
Date

ATTEST:   
Kathleen Coleman  
Interim Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, INTERIM CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2024-121, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON December 18, 2024.

(SEAL)

  
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KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
INTERIM CLERK OF COUNCIL



# City Of Kent Fire Department

320 S. Depeyster St.  
Kent, Ohio 44240  
330-676-7393

Date: December 9, 2024

To: Dave Ruller, City Manager

From: James Samels, Fire Chief

Re: FEMA AFG Grant

Dave,

I am requesting permission to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) to request funds to help with the purchase of a new 100-foot ladder truck. The ladder truck we currently have is from 1994 and the costs to maintain it have become more challenging. In addition, the cost to purchase a new truck have soared over two million dollars due to inflation during the past several years. By applying for 25% of the estimated purchase costs, along with funds for training on a new truck, the fire department request would be for \$591,536.96. The remaining costs would be used from the vehicle replacement fund and potential cost sharing with Kent State University and other partners.

I am requesting council's approval to apply for the grant. If we are awarded the grant, I request that Budget and Finance is authorized to receive and appropriate the funds for the ladder truck purchase.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.