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Shuster Announces DHS Grants to the Bedford Fire Department No.1

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Bedford Fire Department No.1 has been awarded two Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Bedford Fire Department No.1 has been awarded a \$285,000 grant for the purchase of a new pumper truck to replace a much older truck that joined the department in 1968. The second grant in the amount of \$62,415 will be used to purchase up to 30 new sets of turn-out gear to replace worn-out equipment.

“I congratulate the Bedford Fire Department on their successful grant applications,” Shuster said. “Many people outside of the firefighting community don’t know how expensive their equipment really is. A pumper truck can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and small departments like Bedford’s would be unable buy a new truck without this grant.”

“The fire department will use this grant to make essential improvements to better serve its community and keep its firefighters safe,” Shuster added. “This is a win-win all around.”

“With the help of these grants, we will be able to replace aging or outdated equipment that will increase the safety of our firefighters. Also, it will allow us to purchase a new truck that will be a great asset to our department and the community we serve,” said Lee Reisling, Assistant Chief.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation’s first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security’s Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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