

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Assistance to Firefighters

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

On February 6th, the Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides funding for vehicle and equipment purchases to fire departments, emergency medical services agencies, and state fire training academies nationwide. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training requested retroactive permission to apply for up to \$500,000 to purchase two vehicle fire props, one flammable liquids and gas prop, and one forcible entry prop for live training exercises. The agency will meet the grant's 15% match requirement within its existing Fire Training budget. Grant awards are expected to be announced by September 30, 2025, for a one-year period.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of up to \$500,000, for firefighter training equipment.