

RESOLUTION NO. 395

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A 2008 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the citizens and employees of the Town of Mount Carmel is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a fully equipped and properly trained fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration seeks to assist local fire departments in helping fund the costs for a radio equipment, self-contained breathing apparatuses, and bunker gear by offering the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel now seeks to participate in this important grant; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare requiring it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, as follows:

Section I. The Mount Carmel Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

Section II. When awarded, the Town of Mount Carmel is prepared to provide a matching sum not to exceed the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to serve as a five percent (5%) percent match for monies provided by this grant, a copy of which is attached.

Section III. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage the public welfare requiring it.

A D O P T E D this the 25th day of March, 2008.

GARY W. LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

MARIAN SANDIDGE, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LAW OFFICE OF MAY & COUP

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Vice Mayor Eugene Christian			
Alderman Richard Gabriel			
Alderman Tresa Mawk			
Alderman Thomas Wheeler			
Alderman Carl Wolfe			
Alderman Wanda Worley-Davidson			
Mayor Gary Lawson			
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PASSED: FAILED 03/25/2008 FOR LACK OF A MOTION

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 7, 2008

Fire Chief Christopher Jones
Mt Carmel Fire Dept
PO Box 1421
Mount Carmel, TN 37645-1421

Dear Fire Chief Jones,

Thank you for your department's hard work at protecting the lives, homes and properties of Tennesseans. We know this task is difficult, particularly when resources are thin and aging equipment is in need of replacement. That is why we wanted to make sure you are aware of some of the federal grant programs that are available which may offer assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has three primary grant opportunities: the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, the Fire Prevention and Safety program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program. These programs provide hundreds of millions of dollars to fire departments across the country each year, and they are an excellent opportunity for you to seek funding for purchases that may help improve your effectiveness.

FEMA's Fiscal Year 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program opens on Monday, March 3, 2008 and closes on Friday, April 4, 2008. Full information is available online at: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

While nothing is guaranteed, we would be happy to support your efforts should your department decide to apply for any of these grants. If you have any questions or need additional information about these funding opportunities, please contact Tom Craig (Alexander) at 202-224-4944 or Ryan Berger (Corker) at 202-224-3344.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

Bob Corker
United States Senator

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