

Boscola Announces Over \$500,000 In State Funding For Fire Departments And Ems Providers

By Senator Lisa Boscola

BETHLEHEM (FEB 12, 2026) – State Senator Lisa M. Boscola announced today that thirty-four grants were approved for fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) providers in the 18th Senatorial District totaling \$513,963.89 through the 2025-26 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services (FCEMS) Grant Program, which is administered by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC).

“The Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program continues to provide critical financial assistance to the most vital organizations in our local communities: our fire and emergency medical services providers,” Boscola said. “Our fire departments and EMS provide essential services throughout our local communities that protect our citizens in their time of need.”

In accordance with program guidelines for 2025-26 program, eligible projects for funding include facility construction or renovation, equipment, debt reduction, training, education, recruitment and retention, construction savings account (fire companies only), and overtime costs associated with backfilling positions while firefighters are attending training (career departments only).

Companies have until May 31, 2026, to submit their 2025-26 FCEMS Grant Agreements. All final reports (including all supporting documents) must be submitted electronically via grant application by September 1, 2026. More information on the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grants program can be found online at <https://www.osfc.pa.gov/> or by contacting Senator Boscola’s office at (610) 868-8667.

Grants approved in Senator Boscola’s District are as follows:

- City of Bethlehem – Fire - \$16,136.55
- City of Bethlehem – EMS - \$14,975
- Blue Valley Rescue Squad - \$12,014.25
- City of Easton Fire Department - \$16,136.55
- Columbia Fire Company - \$12,014.25
- Community Fire Company of Forks Township - \$14,693.75
- Dewey Fire Company No 1 – Fire - \$15,518.21
- Dewey Fire Company No 1 – EMS - \$15,000
- East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co - \$12,220.36
- Easton Emergency Squad - \$15,000
- Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company No 1 - \$16,136.55
- Liberty Fire CPNY - \$12,014.25
- Lookout Fire Company No 1 - \$12,014.25
- Lower Mount Bethel/Sandts Eddy Fire Co - \$12,838.71
- Lower Saucon Fire Rescue - \$40,136.55
- Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company, Inc - \$13,457.05
- Nancy Run Fire Company of Butztown - \$14,899.86
- Nazareth Ambulance Corps Inc - \$15,000
- North Bangor Fire Company - \$12,426.48
- Palmer Municipal Fire Department - \$16,136.55
- Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Co - \$16,136.55
- Portland Hook & Ladder Co #1 - \$12,014.25
- Rescue Fire Company #1 - \$12,632.59
- Second Ward Fire Company - \$12,426.48
- Suburban EMS Inc. - \$30,000
- Tatamy Fire Company - \$12,426.48
- Upper Nazareth Fire Department - \$14,899.86
- Vigilance Hose Company No 1 - \$16,136.55
- Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company - \$14,075.40
- West Easton Volunteer Fire Company No 1 - \$13,044.82
- Williams Township Fire Company #1 - \$13,869.28
- Wilson Borough Fire Department - \$15,105.98
- Wind Gap Ambulance Corps Inc - \$10,000
- Wind Gap Fire Company - \$12,426.48

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