

State funds assist Atchison Fire Dept upgrade

(KAIR)--The Atchison Fire Department is on track to replace some aging equipment.

That comes after the Kansas Governor's Grant Program for Local Safety and Security Grants selected the local Fire Department's application, allowing them to share in a portion of more than \$6 million dollars to be used for the purpose of improving the accessibility and efficiency to Kansans through investments to modernize information technology infrastructure, continuity of operations, and safety and security.

According to a memo from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar to City of Atchison leadership, the funds will allow the Atchison Fire Department "to purchase fire hoses and nozzles to replace old, worn and failed equipment that would otherwise have to be replaced with funds from the department- operating budget alone."

The local award comes to a total amount of \$10,400, with the City of Atchison required to fund a 10-percent match, at a cost of \$1.040. According to Weishaar, that price tag can be covered by funds from the department's operating budget "that have been set aside for the purchase of this equipment."

Other local community agencies named to receive a portion of the funding are the Hiawatha Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Netawaka Rural Fire District 6, the City of Valley Falls, the Jefferson County Ambulance Service, Jefferson County Fire District 5, and the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, as well as several police and fire departments located in Leavenworth County.

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