



## Fairfield Fire Department

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### Marine 228 Motors and Electronics Upgrade

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#### 1. Background-

The Town of Fairfield (TOF) Fire Department has investigated grants, which would have a positive reduction in our Department Budget.

The Fire Department has applied for a Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) FY 2019 in order to replace equipment and upgrade response capability and interoperability for the Fireboat "Marine 228". This 28-foot vessel is located at the South Benson Marina and is ready for response 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long. We rely on on-duty personnel at fire stations to staff the boat and respond to calls to service along our 5 miles of coastline and harbors.

#### 2. Purpose and Justification-

The purpose of this budget request is to replace and upgrade necessary equipment at a substantially discounted cost. The Port Security Grant Program covers 75% of the cost with a local share of 25%.

#### 3. Detailed Description of Proposal-

The Town of Fairfield Fire Department, as a member of the Bridgeport Port Security Group, is applying for an **\$121,242** Grant, which requires a **25%** local share. This equates to **\$30,311** in Town of Fairfield funds. The Grant has a performance period of **36 months**. We would structure the financing of our local share as set out in Section 12 of this document. Specifically, we seek:

- PSGP funding to assist with sustainment and maintenance costs for our grant purchased 2008 vessel. The project will include replacement of the Marine Electronics to achieve INTEROPERABILITY with the USCG "Lighthouse" software. **(\$41,424 total/\$10,356 local share)**
- PSGP funding to assist with sustainment and maintenance costs for our grant purchased 2008 vessel. The project will include the addition of CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive) detection equipment, specifically Rae systems' AreaRae Pro. **(\$14,190 total/\$3,547.50 local share)** CBRNE Detection is the Coast Guard standard for local marine assets.
- PSGP funding to assist with sustainment and maintenance costs for our grant purchased 2008 vessel. The project will include replacement of the two Mercury Verado 250 engines, and their associated components, due to their service life expectancy. **(\$62, 961 total/\$15,740.25 local share)**
- PSGP funding to assist with Lighting Upgrade. **(\$2,667 total/\$667.75 local share)**

#### 4. Reliability of Cost Estimate-

This estimate is expected to be highly reliable.

**5. Increased Efficiency and Productivity-**

These purchases enable the Fire Department to avoid increased service and maintenance costs that are inherent in older equipment. The electronics upgrade enables interoperability by linking our navigation and search and rescue making that seamless and efficient. The CBRNE equipment enables our boat to quickly identify hazardous materials threats to our population and to first responders.

**6. Additional Long Range Costs-**

None expected.

**7. Additional Use or Demand-**

The Town of Fairfield Fire Department fully cooperates with other Town Agencies such as the Police Department, DPW, Conservation and the Parks and Recreation Department as well as regional and federal partners. We would cooperate in any proper call for service.

**8. Alternatives to This Request-**

If the Fire Department does not secure the grant, the Fire Department would have to expend the entire amounts needed to replace and upgrade this marine equipment.

**9. Safety-**

This request enables the Fairfield Fire Department to maintain its emergency capabilities in the safest, most interoperable, most efficient and most reliable manner.

**10. Environmental Considerations-**

N/A

**11. Insurance-**

N/A

**12. Financing-**

Each year, once the boating season is complete, we remove the Fireboat from the water for maintenance. We effect updates, repairs and preventative maintenance at this time out of our Operating Budget, utilizing the Maintenance/Repair Automotive object (54330), The Fire Department requests to structure the Town Share as follows:

1. To fund the Electronics interoperability equipment portion of \$10,356 and Lighting portion \$666 out of the current FY20 budget.
2. To fund the CBRNE equipment portion \$3,547.50 out of FY21 Operating Budget.
3. To fund the Engine Replacement portion of \$15,740.25 out of a FY 22 Capital Outlay request. (Object 57000)

**13. Other Considerations-**

N/A

**14. Approvals-**

Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, RTM



U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Roger Caisse  
Town of Fairfield  
611 Old Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824 - 6646

Re: Grant No.EMW-2019-PU-00101

Dear Roger Caisse:

Congratulations, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, your application for financial assistance submitted under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Port Security Grant Program has been approved in the amount of \$90,932.00. As a condition of this award, you are required to contribute a cost match in the amount of \$30,310.00 of non-Federal funds, or 25 percent of the total approved project costs of \$121,242.00.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Agreement Articles (attached to this Award Letter)
- Obligating Document (attached to this Award Letter)
- FY 2019 Port Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

In order to establish acceptance of the award and its terms, please follow these instructions:

Step 1: Please log in to the ND Grants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Step 2: After logging in, you will see the Home page with a Pending Tasks menu. Click on the Pending Tasks menu, select the Application sub-menu, and then click the link for "Award Offer Review" tasks. This link will navigate you to Award Packages that are pending review.

Step 3: Click the Review Award Package icon (wrench) to review the Award Package and accept or decline the award. Please save or print the Award Package for your records.

System for Award Management (SAM): Grant recipients are to keep all of their information up to date in SAM, in particular, your organization's name, address, DUNS number, EIN and banking information. Please ensure that the DUNS number used in SAM is the same one used to apply for all FEMA awards. Future payments will be contingent on the information provided in the SAM; therefore, it is imperative that the information is correct. The System for Award Management is located at <http://www.sam.gov>.

If you have any questions or have updated your information in SAM, please let your Grants Management Specialist (GMS) know as soon as possible. This will help us to make the necessary updates and avoid any interruptions in the payment process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridget Ellen Bean".

BRIDGET ELLEN BEAN GPD Assistant Administrator

**Town of Fairfield**  
**Grant Application Request**

Date: September 30, 2019

Requesting Department: FIRE 0401

1. **Grant Name:**  
Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) FY 2019
  
2. **Grant Request:**  
\$121,242
  
3. **Anticipated Town Share:**  
30,310.50 over a 3 year performance period.
  
4. **Purpose of Grant:**  
Replacement of Fireboat Equipment and Additional Capability:
  1. Mechanical Sustainment: Lighting
  2. Replacement of Electronics for Interoperability with US Coast Guard
  3. Addition of CBRNE Equipment (detection for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive Materials.
  4. Replacement of 2 Outboard Engines
  
5. **Town Interest:**  
Replacement and addition of vital equipment at 25% cost.  
  
3 year performance period.
  
6. **Estimated Additional Long-Range Costs:**  
None Additional

Print Name: KYRAN DUNN

Signature: 

**CFO Recommendation:**    Approve    Deny

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Selectman:**        Approve    Deny

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_