

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-74

For the December 11, 2024
Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER AND
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS UNDER
THE 2023 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARDED
BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(FEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,682.00 FOR THE PURCHASE
OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, FEMA has made available to Fire Departments nationally, the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and

WHEREAS, The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations, and

WHEREAS, Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Highland Hills Fire Department submitted a grant application requesting various types of equipment and protective gear totaling up to \$298,000, and

WHEREAS, The grant requires that the Village commit to a five percent (5%) match which in this case amounts to \$14,228.58 and a grant amount of \$284,571.42, and

WHEREAS, The Fire Chief prepared bid specifications and put out to bid for the purchase of firefighter turnout gear and three bids were received and evaluated by the Fire Chief, and

WHEREAS, The Village Board of Control met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 to review the bids and determined that Fire Safety Services was the best and lowest bid and recommended same to this Council, and

WHEREAS, This Council desires to authorize the purchase of the turnout gear from Fire Safety Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: This Council of the Village (the "Council") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the VILLAGE to accept the bid of Fire Safety Services for firefighter turnout gear under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA. The bid amount accepted is not to exceed \$100,682.00.

Section 2: Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the President of Council to sign an agreement or documents to complete this purchase after review and approval by the Law Director.

Section 3: Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Finance Director to accept the grant funds, to account for the funds by placing same in a separate fund called the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Fund created by authorization of this Ordinance. Council authorizes the Finance Director to transfer the amount of \$14,228.58 in Village funds to the special account to satisfy the match requirement of the grant.

Section 4: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills, and for the reason that it is necessary to accept this grant for the orderly operation of the Fire Department and due to the time limitation on expending the grant funds and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 11th day of December, 2024.

First Reading ✓ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Greene ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Mills ✓ yea ___ nay ___

McManus ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Wright ✓ yea ___ nay ___

Cassandra Pride
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President of Council

12/11/24
Date

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Attest: Margaret Sikon 12/11/24
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council Date

Filed with the Mayor: ✓ 12/12/24
Date

Approved By: [Signature] 12/12/24
Michael L. Booker, Mayor Date

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