New Jersey American Water Opens 15th Annual Volunteer Fire and EMS Grant Program

CAMDEN, N.J. – January 30, 2025 – Recognizing the bravery and commitment of volunteer firefighters and first responders, New Jersey American Water announces its 2025 grant program for volunteer fire departments and emergency responders (e.g., ambulance and first aid squads) located within the company's service areas.

This year, based on applicant feedback, New Jersey American Water is moving the grant application period back to the beginning of the year, as it has been in the past, to better align with applicants budgeting and funding needs. The deadline to apply is April 14, 2025.

"New Jersey American Water is proud to acknowledge the extraordinary bravery and unwavering commitment of volunteer firefighters and first responders. Through our annual grant initiative, we support these heroic individuals who selflessly serve our communities," said Mike Malloy, senior operations Manager at New Jersey American Water and a member of the New Jersey American Water Fire Grant Committee. "Their dedication and courage truly deserve our gratitude and support."

Since launching the program in 2011, New Jersey American Water has awarded 311 grants, totaling more than $360,000, to 161 local volunteer fire departments and emergency response units throughout its service area.

Grants may be used to cover the costs of personal protective equipment, communications gear, first aid equipment, firefighting tools, vehicle maintenance and other materials that will be used to support volunteer firefighter and emergency responder operations. Reimbursement for specific training courses, including the cost of training manuals, student workbooks, and instructors is also eligible.

To apply, organizations must complete the online application, located at www.newjerseyamwater.com, under News & Community, Community Involvement.

The maximum grant amount awarded to any organization is $2,500 and the deadline to apply is April 14, 2025. Interested applicants can find more information and apply online at www.newjerseyamwater.com/community. Grant recipients will be notified by the end of June.

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