Pennsylvania American Water Awards more than $130K to Local Fire Departments

Grants awarded to 200+ fire and rescue organizations across the Commonwealth

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Nov. 12, 2025) – Pennsylvania American Water announced today that it awarded $132,000 in grants to 204 fire and rescue organizations in 32 counties through its 2025 annual Firefighting Support Grant Program.

Since launching the grant program in 2009, Pennsylvania American Water has contributed more than $1 million to help hundreds of local fire departments purchase emergency gear, life-saving equipment, training materials and essential firefighting apparatus. View a list of all 2025 grant recipients here.

“Water systems and fire departments work collaboratively to deliver community fire protection, and we are proud to support the dedicated men and women who serve our local fire departments,” said Pennsylvania American Water Vice President of Operations Jim Runzer. “For more than 15 years, we’ve offered this grant program as a token of our partnership and our thanks.”

Pennsylvania American Water’s Firefighting Support Grants provide financial assistance to fire and emergency organizations serving communities in the company’s designated service areas. Grants can be used to purchase personal protective gear, communications equipment, firefighting tools, water handling equipment, training and related activities/materials used to support community fire protection.

“The Pennsylvania American Water Firefighting Support Grant Program allows our organization to continue developing the resources needed to serve our community more effectively,” said Daniel Hallowich, deputy chief for the Scranton Fire Department, one of this year’s grant recipients. “This support directly enhances our programs and services, creating lasting and positive impacts for our community.”

“Pennsylvania American Water's Firefighting Support Grant Program provides crucial support to volunteer organizations like ours, so we can purchase essential tools and replace personal protective equipment to ensure our firefighters remain properly protected,” said Brendan Miller, president of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Company, another 2025 grant recipient. “Upgrades made possible through this grant help strengthen our operational safety, readiness, and overall emergency response capabilities.”

This year’s grant total of $131,000 is an increase from $125,000 in 2024 and $85,000 in 2023, demonstrating the company’s continued strong support of, and collaboration with, local fire departments.

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