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Ms. Bridget Bean
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street, SW, 3rd Floor North
Washington, DC 20472

RE: EMW-2017-FO-03885

Dear Ms. Bean:

I write in support of the Cumberland Rescue Service's application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This funding will allow the Cumberland Rescue Service to upgrade their communications system and purchase new power lift stretchers to enhance their emergency medical response capabilities.

The Cumberland Rescue Service is requesting funding to purchase new portable and base radios to replace their current communications system that is outdated and obsolete. This investment will provide the Department with a reliable and modern communications system that will improve emergency response. In addition, the Cumberland Rescue Service is requesting funding to purchase three power lift stretchers that will increase patient and EMT safety and allow for greater efficiency when responding to medical emergencies.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is an essential resource for local fire departments to ensure they have the appropriate equipment to respond safely and effectively to emergencies. I support the Cumberland Rescue Service's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call Christopher Albert of my Providence office at (401) 528-5200.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator