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**FEMA Awards Grant to Oakland for New Fire Truck**

*Oakland, CA*—The City of Oakland received a major grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund the purchase of a new aerial fire truck for the Oakland Fire Department.

The City of Oakland will receive \$789,360 through the FEMA Assistance Firefighters Grant Program. This program provides special funding to enhance the ability of fire departments to protect the public and fire personnel from fire and related hazards. Mayor Jean Quan worked closely with Congresswoman Barbara Lee over the past year and met with representatives from the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC last October to secure this funding.

“We want to particularly thank Congresswoman Barbara Lee and federal officials for helping Oakland,” said Mayor Jean Quan. “This funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program comes at a critical time when city resources are strapped—the Fire Department has seen its budget reduced by 15.4 percent over the past four years. Our oldest trucks have a hard time climbing our hills; this is a critical addition to our fleet.”

“This grant will allow us to make a major improvement to our aging fleet and better assist Oakland residents. The Oakland Fire Department is very thankful for this grant and looks forward to continuing to serve our community,” said Interim Fire Chief Mark Hoffmann.

“The new truck will improve response times to neighborhoods in the hills while lowering maintenance costs currently spent on our fleet,” he added.

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