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Mr. Thomas DiNanno
Acting Assistant Administrator
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400 C Street, SW
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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Arnaudville Volunteer Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$28,030 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) under application EMW-2017-FO-00045.

The Arnaudville Volunteer Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace four self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). A review found that four of their SCBAs are not complaint with the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1981. They believe this equipment will minimize the danger to their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Butte La Rose Volunteer Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$102,500 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) under application EMW-2017-FO-00056.

The Butte La Rose Volunteer Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace fifteen SCBAs. A review found that their SCBAs are not compliant with the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1981. They believe this equipment will minimize the danger to their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Cade Volunteer Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$82,650 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) and fire-fighting gear under application EMW-2017-FO-00049.

The Cade Volunteer Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace ten SCBAs and four sets of fire-fighting gear. A review found that ten of their SCBAs are not compliant with the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1981 and four of their sets of fire-fighting gear were old (manufactured in 1993) and deficient. They believe this equipment will minimize the danger to their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Catahoula Volunteer Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$95,730 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) under application EMW-2017-FO-00047.

The Cathoula Volunteer Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace fourteen SCBAs. A review found that fourteen of their sixteen SCBAs are not compliant with the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1981. They believe this equipment will minimize the danger to their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Covington Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$208,950 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) under application EMW-2017-FO-00183.

The Covington Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace thirty-two OSHA 1910.134 and 2013 Edition of NFPA 1981 compliant SCBAs. A review of their equipment determined that all of their SCBAs were not compliant with the 2013 Edition of the NFPA 1981. They believe the new SCBAs will improve the safety of their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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