

DATE: Monday, February 16, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

AGENDA

Chair: *James Quisenberry, Ward 7*

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- B. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 1. **02-02-2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- C. **Additions to the Agenda**
- D. **Presentations and Public Input**
 - 1. **Fire Department Promotion**
 - 2. **Ward 4 Vacancy Candidates**
- E. **Staff Report**
 - 1. **Surveillance Ordinance**
- F. **New Business**
 - 1. **Resolution No. 2026-02-008R: A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2025-10-079R and Revoking City Council Authorization to Accept the FY2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant - FD**
- G. **Council Input and Communications**
- H. **Adjournment**

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Urbana welcomes Public Input during open meetings of the City Council, the City Council's Committee of the Whole, City Boards and Commissions, and other City-sponsored meetings. Our goal is to foster respect for the meeting process, and respect for all people participating as members of the public body, city staff, and the general public. The City is required to conduct all business during public meetings. The presiding officer is responsible for conducting those meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. Public Input will be taken in the following ways:

Email Input

Public comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted) at the following: citycouncil@urbanail.gov. The subject line of the email must include the words "PUBLIC INPUT" and the meeting date. Your email will be sent to all City Council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved.

Written Input

Any member of the public may submit their comments addressed to the members of the public body in writing. If a person wishes their written comments to be included in the record of Public Input for the meeting, the writing should so state. Written comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted).

Verbal Input

Protocol for Public Input is one of respect for the process of addressing the business of the City. Obscene or profane language, or other conduct that threatens to impede the orderly progress of the business conducted at the meeting is unacceptable.

Public comment shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person. The Public Input portion of the meeting shall total no more than two (2) hours, unless otherwise shortened or extended by majority vote of the public body members present. The presiding officer or the city clerk or their designee, shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the allotted time has expired. A person may participate and provide Public Input once during a meeting and may not cede time to another person, or split their time if Public Input is held at two (2) or more different times during a meeting. The presiding officer may give priority to those persons who indicate they wish to speak on an agenda item upon which a vote will be taken.

The presiding officer or public body members shall not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the public body members shall be for clarification purposes only. Public Input shall not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to comments made but, rather, for hearing citizens for informational purposes only.

In order to maintain the efficient and orderly conduct and progress of the public meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting shall have the authority to raise a point of order and provide a verbal warning to a speaker who engages in the conduct or behavior proscribed under "Verbal Input". Any member of the public body participating in the meeting may also raise a point of order with the presiding officer and request that they provide a verbal warning to a speaker. If the speaker refuses to cease such conduct or

behavior after being warned by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall have the authority to mute the speaker's microphone and/or video presence at the meeting. The presiding officer will inform the speaker that they may send the remainder of their remarks via e-mail to the public body for inclusion in the meeting record.

Accommodation

If an accommodation is needed to participate in a City meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance so that special arrangements can be made using one of the following methods:

- Phone: 217.384.2366
- Email: CityClerk@urbanil.gov



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MEMORANDUM TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Meeting: February 16, 2026 Committee of the Whole
Subject: A Resolution Rescinding the Acceptance of the FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Summary

Action Requested

Forward for approval at the February 23, 2026, City Council meeting Resolution No. 2026-02-008R which rescinds Resolution 2025-10-079R that previously accepted the FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award.

Brief Background

This resolution seeks City Council approval to revoke City Council authorization to accept the FY2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant award.

Discussion

The Urbana Fire Department (UFD) was awarded the FY2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of \$67,814.54 for the purchase of eight (8) 800 MHz Portable Radios. Acceptance of the grant required a City Council resolution to both authorize the City's acceptance of the grant and acknowledge the City's obligation to contribute 10% of the awarded funds.

On October 20, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution 2025-10-079R with a simple majority of 3 affirmative votes, authorizing acceptance of the FEMA grant. Subsequently, on December 15, 2025, the City Council voted to defeat Ordinance 2025-12-034, which proposed Budget Amendment #3B to revise the annual budget for the purpose of accepting the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, with 5 members voting in favor and two members opposing the measure, falling short of the 6 affirmative votes required to revise the budget. Absent further City Council action, the City Council's prior approval of Resolution 2025-10-079R authorizing acceptance of the FEMA grant stands in direct conflict with its subsequent defeat of Ordinance 2025-12-034. Consequently, approval of Resolution No. 2026-02-008R is necessary to rescind Resolution No. 2025-10-079R and formally resolve this legislative conflict.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends approval of Resolution No. 2026-02-008R, which would rescind Resolution 2025-10-079R.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2026-02-008R
2. FEMA Award Letter

Originated by: Tal Prendergast, Interim Fire Chief

Reviewed: Steve Doggett, Deputy Fire Chief

Approved: Darius White, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02-008R:**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2025-10-079R AND REVOKING CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE FY2024 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City of Urbana applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$67,814.54 with a 10% local match to reimburse the City for the purchase of certain equipment promoting the safety of fire suppression personnel, namely radio communication devices; and

WHEREAS, FEMA subsequently approved the City’s grant application; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2025, the City Council, after due consideration, approved Resolution 2025-10-079R with a simple majority of 3 affirmative votes, authorizing the City’s acceptance of the FEMA grant; and

WHEREAS, the City’s acceptance of the FEMA grant requires revision of the City budget to formally accept and assign the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, revision of the City's budget requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the City's corporate authorities (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.6); and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, the City Council voted to defeat Ordinance 2025-12-034, which proposed Budget Amendment #3B to revise the annual budget for the purpose of accepting the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, with 5 members voting in favor and two members opposing the measure, falling short of the 6 affirmative votes required to revise the budget; and

WHEREAS, the defeat of Ordinance 2025-12-034 means that the City is functionally unable to accept and spend the awarded FEMA grant funds, requiring City staff to notify FEMA that the City cannot accept the grant; and

WHEREAS, absent further City Council action, the City Council's prior approval of Resolution 2025-10-079R authorizing acceptance of the FEMA grant stands in direct conflict with its subsequent defeat of Ordinance 2025-12-034; and

WHEREAS, City Council action to rescind Resolution 2025-10-079R is necessary to resolve this conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

1. Resolution 2025-10-079R is hereby rescinded.

- 2. The City Council’s prior authorization to accept the FY2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant is hereby revoked.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

DeShawn B. Williams, Mayor

Award Letter

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

Effective date: 09/20/2025

Tal Prendergast
CITY OF URBANA
400 S VINE ST
URBANA, IL 61801

EMW-2024-FG-03745



Dear Tal Prendergast,

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FG) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$67,814.54 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10.0% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$6,781.46 for a total approved budget of \$74,596.00. Please see the FY 2024 FG Notice of Funding Opportunity for information on how to meet this cost share requirement.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Summary Award Memo - included in this document
- Agreement Articles - included in this document
- Obligating Document - included in this document
- 2024 FG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacey Street", is positioned above the typed name.

Stacey Street
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Grants Program Directorate

Summary Award Memo

Program: Fiscal Year 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Recipient: CITY OF URBANA

UEI-EFT: S9V6SD6918H7

Award number: EMW-2024-FG-03745

Summary description of award

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. After careful consideration, FEMA has determined that the recipient's project or projects submitted as part of the recipient's application and detailed in the project narrative as well as the request details section of the application - including budget information - was consistent with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program's purpose and was worthy of award.

Except as otherwise approved as noted in this award, the information you provided in your application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding is incorporated into the terms and conditions of this award. This includes any documents submitted as part of the application.

Amount awarded table

The amount of the award is detailed in the attached Obligating Document for Award.

The following are the budgeted estimates for object classes for this award (including Federal share plus your cost share, if applicable):

Object Class	Total
Personnel	\$0.00
Fringe benefits	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Equipment	\$74,596.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Indirect charges	\$0.00
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Federal	\$67,814.54
Non-federal	\$6,781.46
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Total	\$74,596.00
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Program Income	\$0.00

Approved scope of work

After review of your application, FEMA has approved the below scope of work. Justifications are provided for any differences between the scope of work in the original application and the approved scope of work under this award. You must submit scope or budget revision requests for FEMA's prior approval, via an amendment request, as appropriate per 2 C.F.R. § 200.308 and the FY2024 FG NOFO.

Approved request details:

Equipment

Portable Radios (must be P-25 Compliant)

DESCRIPTION

800 Mhz P-25 compliant portable radios with required programming, features, and encryption capable of operating on the county-wide interoperable, encrypted, trunked radio system. The cost of each unit includes a remote speaker microphone, battery, and charger.

	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	BUDGET CLASS
Cost 1	8	\$9,324.50	\$74,596.00	Equipment