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## Acton Fire Department Receives Grant for COVID-19 Prevention and Response

ACTON -- Chief Robert Hart is pleased to announce the Acton Fire Department was awarded a \$50,000 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESFP) grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research.

The grant was part of the \$9.6 million in funding that Baker-Polito Administration allocated to help local and state public safety agencies purchase additional resources to further aid in the prevention, preparation for and/or response to COVID-19 pandemic.

The department will use the funding for powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs), UV disinfectant lighting; COVID-19 testing for members; Glo Germ powder, mist and lotion, and UV flashlights; N95 respirators; and touchless dispensers for hand sanitizer, soap and paper towels. Part of the funding will also be used to cover overtime costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Additional funding such as this will go a long way towards supporting our work as we continue to address the spread of COVID-19 in our community,” Chief Hart said. “We’re honored and grateful to be chosen as a recipient of this funding. This is an incredible achievement that would not have been possible without the amazing work of Captain Anita Arnum and the team at the Acton Finance Department, who completed and submitted our grant application.”

Municipalities were eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in individual funding. In total, 65 fire departments and 44 police departments representing 94 cities and towns received CESFP awards.

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