

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 321 - L.D. 516

An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3373 is enacted to read:

§3373. Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund

1. Fund established. The Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the commission as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to allow fire departments to purchase and install diesel vehicle exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines.

2. Grant program. The commission shall establish criteria to award grants to fire departments from the fund. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. Procedure. A fire department may apply to the commission for grants. The commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed pursuant to subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Creates the Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund with a base allocation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to provide grants to fire departments for the purchase and installation of diesel exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were appropriated.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$250,500</u>