

## Connecticut Water Awards \$15,000 to Local Fire Departments Through Firefighter Grant Program

The grant program was available to any fire department served by Connecticut Water

**CLINTON, Conn. — August 13, 2020** — Connecticut Water is pleased to announce the recipients of its Firefighter Grant Program for 2020. Applications were open to any fire department in Connecticut Water's Service Communities and the grants will cover various items from equipment to education.

The grant program is part of Connecticut Water's ongoing support of local communities. In 2020, the company has doubled its charitable contributions to local non-profit and community organizations. More than \$25,000 has already been donated to state and local food assistance programs in 2020 helping to meet the increased number of food insecure residents of the state following COVID-19, and an additional \$15,000 grant program was launched to provide schools with touch-free water bottle filling stations as students return to school with enhanced safety measures this fall.

The Firefighter Grant Program was designed to help departments supplement municipal budgets to further strengthen their ability to provide service to their districts.

"Fire protection is vital to the safety of our communities, and we value the important role it plays in making our communities a safe place to live and work," said Connecticut Water President Maureen Westbrook. "While we have supported fire departments through our charitable giving program in the past, the new Firefighter Grant Program allows us to increase those efforts as a show of our appreciation and support for the role that fire protection plays in our communities."

Both paid and volunteer departments were eligible for grants. Eligible fire departments were notified of the program application through press release and direct communication January of 2020 and applications closed on July 1. The following departments received grants:

- Beacon Hose Co. 1
- Warehouse Point Fire Department
- Chester Hose Co., Inc
- Thompsonville Fire
- Middlebury Volunteer Fire Department
- Somers Fire Department
- Vernon Volunteer Fire Department
- Naugatuck Fire Department
- Mansfield Fire Department
- Essex Fire Department
- Atwood Hose Fire Company, Wauregan

## **About Connecticut Water**

Connecticut Water provides water service to nearly 350,000 people in 59 Connecticut communities and wastewater service to 10,000 people in Southbury, Connecticut, through the Connecticut Water, Avon Water and Heritage Village Water companies.

The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Oxford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southbury, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock.

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