



City of Poquoson Fire/Rescue

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January 26, 2026

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Randy Wheeler, City Manager

FROM: Joseph Breeden, Battalion Chief

SUBJECT: Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 in the General Fund – U.S. Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grants

The Fire Department received two separate Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) grants for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The first grant is for Fiscal Year 2024 PSGP to purchase Personal Protective Equipment for water rescue/flood response. The total amount for the grant is \$24,840.00 and has no match. This grant is intended to enhance the City's marine and flood response capabilities by adding to our current cache of equipment.

The second grant is for Fiscal Year 2025 PSGP grant to purchase a new Boat for the department. As our marine unit continues to evolve, we are always striving to improve mission and response capabilities. Our current fireboat is moored in the area of Whitehouse Cove Marina, due to that being the largest concentration of vulnerable structures and facilities. This is coupled with the fact that our neighboring jurisdictions have vessels moored in such a way that there is a boat in each of our surrounding rivers.

When we initially purchased the fireboat, we also had a shallow draft center console boat on a trailer that could be deployed rapidly throughout the city. As that vessel became unsustainable due to numerous maintenance and structural issues it was taken out of service and sold. The department ultimately realized that the loss of this asset had an impact on overall operations. The need was discussed with City Manager and approval to pursue a grant was obtained.

We were successful in obtaining the grant and approval of \$20,000 in local match at the December 8th City Council meeting. The total amount of the Fiscal Year 2025 PSGP grant is \$91,000.00 which will be funded through a combination of sources. As this grant requires a 25% local match, funding is as follows: \$ 68,250.00 Federal Share and a \$22,750.00 local share, which will be funded at \$20,000.00 City (already appropriated), \$2,750.00 from the Poquoson Volunteer Fire Department.

We are respectfully requesting your approval of the accompanying ordinance to make an additional appropriation to the City's Fiscal Year 2026 budget in the amount of \$95,840 to allow for the department to do all things necessary to satisfy the grant requirements and purchase the approved equipment.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

**ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 IN THE GENERAL FUND –
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PORT SECURITY GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the Fire/Rescue Department has been awarded two separate grants from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, the first grant is for Fiscal Year 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in the amount of \$24,840 for the City to purchase personnel protective equipment for water rescue/flood response with no local match, and

WHEREAS, the performance period for Fiscal Year 2024 PSGP grant is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the second grant is for Fiscal Year 2025 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in the amount of \$91,000 for the City to purchase a new Boat with a federal award of \$68,250, and

WHEREAS, the second grant for Fiscal Year 2025 PSGP requires a local match of \$22,750, and

WHEREAS, the local match for Fiscal Year 2025 PSGP grant will be supported through Ordinance #1832 with an appropriation of \$20,000 along with an additional \$2,750 donation from the Poquoson Volunteer Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the performance period for the Fiscal Year 2025 PSGP grant is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Poquoson, Virginia:

Section 1: That an additional \$95,840 in the General Fund be and the same hereby are appropriated within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

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| Revenues: | \$93,090 |
| Federal Revenue | |
| Misc Revenue - Donation | 2,750 |
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| | \$95,840 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Fire Department | \$95,840 |
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Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and utilize the funds per the requirements of the grant.

Section 3: That the second reading of this ordinance is hereby dispensed with and the provisions contained herein shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____
City Clerk