Firefighters Receive Grant For $63,609

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NILES, IL -- The Niles Fire Dept. received much-needed federal funds through Homeland Security Dept. grants that can be used to purchase new equipment, expand fire prevention and safety programs, or to improve firefighter health and safety programs, said U.S. representative Jan Schakowsky (D-9th).

The money is provided under the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program.

Niles was awarded $63,609, which will be used to upgrade self-contained breathing equipment and to replace aging radios, according to a press release. The new radios would be equipped with an emergency identification feature to aid in the location of downed firefighters.

The Village of Morton Grove also benefited from the grants by receiving $56,773 to purchase and install a vehicle exhaust extraction system on both village fire stations to reduce up to 99% of diesel exhaust.