

# Acton Fire Department

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## Acton Fire Department Awarded \$19,000 in Grant Funding for Safety Equipment

ACTON — Chief Robert Hart is pleased to announce that the Acton Fire Department is one of over 300 fire departments across the state to have been awarded a grant as part of the Department of Fire Services Fiscal Year 2023 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program.

The \$19,000 grant awarded to the Acton Fire Department will be used to purchase a ballistic vest and helmet, medical equipment, a carbon monoxide detector, ropes, roadway and highway safety equipment and a cold water immersion suit.

"I'd like to thank the state for this important safety funding, and Deputy Chief Anita Arnum, who worked to secure this grant," said Chief Hart. "These grant funds will enable us to purchase a variety of equipment that will help keep our firefighters safe."

The program provides local fire departments with a variety of equipment that makes the dangerous job of firefighting safer. This is the third year that funding has been awarded for this purpose as part of a five-year, \$25 million bond bill filed by the Administration to support firefighter safety and health in the coming years.

Fire departments in Massachusetts were able to apply to this program for 121 different types of eligible equipment, including ballistic protective clothing, thermal protective

clothing, gear washers and dryers, thermal imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment and more.

“Every time a firefighter goes to work, they could be asked to rescue a child from a burning building, clean up a spill of hazardous materials, treat a patient with a contagious medical condition, or rush into a hostile event to rescue and treat victims,” said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. “This program is absolutely vital to helping fire departments prepare for the vast array of hazards they face today and making sure that firefighters go home safe after every call.”

A complete list of the awards by department can be found [here](#).

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