

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

- **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) / Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Funding:** Provide \$405 million per program to ensure fire departments can purchase essential equipment, technology, and training, and maintain adequate staffing levels to meet community needs.
- **AFG / SAFER Waivers:** Preserve and expand waiver authority to allow departments facing challenges to access much-needed funding.
- **U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) Funding:** Provide \$76 million for USFA to continue training, research, public education, and fire prevention programs that improve firefighter and community safety.
- **Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Funding:** Provide \$60 million for USAR teams to ensure readiness for disasters, including training, equipment, and deployment capabilities.
- **National Firefighter Registry Funding and Staffing:** Provide \$7.5 million and ensure appropriate staffing to fully operate the registry, providing a centralized system to track occupational exposures and firefighter health outcomes.
- **NIOSH Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) Funding and Staffing:** Provide \$2 million and ensure adequate staff at FFFIPP to continue investigating line-of-duty deaths and disseminate lessons learned to prevent future firefighter fatalities.
- **National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) Funding and Staffing:** Provide proper resources and staffing for NPPTL to conduct research, testing, and certification of firefighter protective equipment to ensure safety and reliability.
- **State Fire Assistance (SFA) Funding:** Provide \$82 million for SFA to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to state and local fire agencies, enhancing wildland and rural firefighting capabilities.
- **Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Funding:** Provide \$23 million for VFA to support volunteer fire departments with critical equipment, training, and operational resources.
- **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Grant Program (COPPGP):** Provide \$2 million for the COPPGP to help prevent carbon monoxide incidents through public education, detection programs, and grant support for communities.
- **Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program:** Include report language to ensure that the BJA office is fully staffed to manage ongoing PSOB claims and expeditiously implement the Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act.

