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## **RESOLUTION #2026-07 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000 FROM A FY23 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AS REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR TUITION AND OVERTIME COSTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO ATTEND BLUE CARD INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, the Durham Fire Department is a member of the Seacoast Chief Fire Officers Mutual Aid District (SCFOMAD); and

**WHEREAS**, SCFOMAD applied for and was awarded FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) EMW-2023-FG-08235 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support mutual aid district members in attending the Blue Card Incident Command Training & Certification Program. The Blue Card Incident Command Training Program is a combination of online and classroom instruction which defines best standard command practices and trains fire department members to make better fireground decisions, potentially eliminating dangerous mistakes that cause injury, death, and unnecessary fire losses; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY23 FEMA AFG awarded to SCFOMAD allows municipalities to receive reimbursement to cover the cost of course tuition and personnel overtime and/or backfill for the Blue Card Incident Command Training Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount that each municipality is ultimately awarded depends upon how many departments in the mutual aid district apply for reimbursement funding and how many department members complete the program. The request for reimbursement is on a first-come, first-served basis; and

**WHEREAS**, seven (7) Durham fire department personnel have completed the program to date, and several other members are in the process of completing the program; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2026, the Durham Fire Department submitted an initial reimbursement request to the City of Portsmouth as the manager of the grant

program, in the amount of \$14,391.63 for tuition costs and overtime for personnel that have completed the program, and anticipates submitting a supplemental request in an amount up to \$10,000 for personnel still in the process of completing the program; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 1999, the Durham Town Council approved Resolution #99-19 adopting the provisions of RSA 31:95-b authorizing the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated funds from a federal, state, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the Fiscal Year; and


**WHEREAS**, Council approval is required for the acceptance and expenditure of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, RSA 31:95-b III(a) requires that a Public Hearing be held on unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000; and


**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, a duly posted Public Hearing was held by the Durham Town Council on Monday, June 1, 2026, for acceptance of unanticipated FEMA AFG funding in an amount up to \$25,000 for tuition costs and overtime for fire department members to attend Blue Card Incident Command Training,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt **Resolution #2026-07** authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of up to \$25,000 in FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as reimbursement to the Town of Durham to cover the cost of tuition and overtime costs for fire department personnel to attend Blue Card Incident Command Program training.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026 by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with 8 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining.

  
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Joe Friedman, Chair  
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

  
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Rachel Deane, Town Clerk-Tax Collector  
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