



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

April 25, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0530, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on February 26, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0530 authorizes the City to accept and expend the amount of \$58,000 in the form of a grant – a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency – which would fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Friday, April 25, 2025 to discuss Docket #0530. The following testified on behalf of the administration: Kevin Coyne, Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Finance, Boston Fire Department (BFD), Julie Devin, Financial Grants Manager, BFD, Patrick Ellis, Chief of Operations - Field Services, BFD, and Rodney Marshall, Chief of Operations - Support Services, BFD.

The panelists discussed the importance of Fire Department grants for enhancing the health and safety of first responders and improving their abilities to protect the public from fire and fire-related hazards.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

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