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How Would New York Fire Departments Be Impacted By the Proposed Budget?

The proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 2006 shortchanges local fire departments nationwide \$450 million that was promised by Congress. Since the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program began in 2001, New York State fire departments have received more than \$77 million from the program; these new cuts could shortchange upstate New York fire departments by \$21 million next year. Senator Schumer is working to restore this critical funding for fire departments by seeking to increase the allocation to \$950 million nationwide. **Below is a county-by-county breakdown of how much fire departments in each county have previously received from the program and how much the proposed cuts could impact each county next year.**

Capital Region: *Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Capital Region have received \$9.5 million for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Albany	\$1.7 million
Fulton	\$900,000
Montgomery	\$2.1 million
Rensselaer	\$1.2 million
Saratoga	\$1.2 million
Schenectady	\$900,000
Schoharie	\$1 million
Washington	\$500,000
Capital Region	\$9.5 million

Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program would mean approximately \$5.7 million in additional aid for these departments next year, \$2.6 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

County	2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal	2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal	Difference
Albany	\$1 million	\$500,000	\$500,000
Fulton	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Montgomery	\$1.3 million	\$700,000	\$600,000
Rensselaer	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Saratoga	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Schenectady	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Schoharie	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Washington	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Capital Region	\$5.7 million	\$3.1 million	\$2.6 million

Central New York: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in Central New York have received \$6.3 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Cortland	\$500,000
Madison	\$700,000
Oneida	\$2.2 million
Onondaga	\$1.5 million
Oswego	\$1.4 million
Central New York	\$6.3 million

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$3.8 million in additional aid for these departments, \$1.8 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

County	2006 Projections Under	2006 Projections	Difference
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	Schumer Proposal	Under Administration Proposal	
Cortland	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Madison	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Oneida	\$1.4 million	\$700,000	\$700,000
Onondaga	\$900,000	\$500,000	\$400,000
Oswego	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Central New York	\$3.8 million	\$2 million	\$1.8 million

Rochester/Finger Lakes: *Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Rochester/Fingers Lakes region have received \$9.2 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Cayuga	\$1.3 million
Livingston	\$1.8 million
Monroe	\$2 million
Ontario	\$1.3 million
Schuyler	\$600,000
Seneca	\$600,000
Tompkins	\$500,000
Wayne	\$800,000
Yates	\$300,000
Rochester/Finger Lakes	\$9.2 million

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County	2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal	2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal	Difference
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Cayuga	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Livingston	\$1.1 million	\$600,000	\$500,000
Monroe	\$1.2 million	\$600,000	\$600,000
Ontario	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Schuyler	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Seneca	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Tompkins	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Wayne	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Yates	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rochester/ Finger Lakes	\$5.6 million	\$3 million	\$2.6 million

Hudson Valley: *Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Hudson Valley have received \$11 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Columbia	\$1.1 million
Dutchess	\$1.5 million
Greene	\$600,000
Orange	\$1.1 million
Putnam	\$300,000
Rockland	\$400,000
Sullivan	\$1.1 million
Ulster	\$2.3 million
Westchester	\$2.6 million
Hudson Valley	\$11 million

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County	2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal	2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal	Difference
Columbia	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Dutchess	\$900,000	\$500,000	\$400,000
Greene	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Orange	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Putnam	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rockland	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sullivan	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Ulster	\$1.4 million	\$800,000	\$600,000
Westchester	\$1.6 million	\$900,000	\$700,000
Hudson Valley Total	\$6.8 million	\$3.8 million	\$3 million

North Country: *Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the North Country have received \$10.7 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Clinton	\$800,000
Essex	\$1.8 million
Franklin	\$1.4 million
Hamilton	\$300,000
Herkimer	\$1.2 million
Jefferson	\$2 million
Lewis	\$500,000
St. Lawrence	\$2.1 million
Warren	\$600,000

North Country	\$10.7 million
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Clinton	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Essex	\$1.1 million	\$600,000	\$500,000
Franklin	\$900,000	\$500,000	\$400,000
Hamilton	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Herkimer	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Jefferson	\$1.2 million	\$600,000	\$600,000
Lewis	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
St. Lawrence	\$1.3 million	\$700,000	\$600,000
Warren	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
North Country Total	\$6.7 million	\$3.6 million	\$3.1 million

Southern Tier: *Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Southern Tier have received \$10.9 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Allegany	\$2.2 million
Broome	\$2.3 million

Chemung	\$500,000
Chenango	\$800,000
Delaware	\$900,000
Otsego	\$1.4 million
Steuben	\$1.7 million
Tioga	\$1.1 million
Southern Tier	\$10.9 million

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Allegany	\$1.4 million	\$700,000	\$700,000
Broome	\$1.4 million	\$700,000	\$700,000
Chemung	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Chenango	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Delaware	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Otsego	\$900,000	\$500,000	\$400,000
Steuben	\$1 million	\$600,000	\$400,000
Tioga	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000
Southern Tier Total	\$6.8 million	\$3.6 million	\$3.2 million

Western New York: *Under the Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in Western New York have received \$15 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.*

County	Firefighter Grants to Since 2001
Cattaraugus	\$1.7 million
Chautauqua	\$2.6 million
Erie	\$5.6 million
Genesee	\$1.7 million

Niagara	\$2.1 million
Orleans	\$700,000
Wyoming	\$600,000
Western New York	\$15 million

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$9.3 million in additional aid for these departments, \$4.4 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

County	2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal	2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal	Difference
Cattaraugus	\$1.1 million	\$600,000	\$500,000
Chautauqua	\$1,6 million	\$800,000	\$800,000
Erie	\$3.4 million	\$1.8 million	\$1.6 million
Genesee	\$1 million	\$500,000	\$500,000
Niagara	\$1.3 million	\$700,000	\$600,000
Orleans	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Wyoming	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Western New York	\$9.3 million	\$4.9 million	\$4.4 million

**Source for grants since 2001: US Department of Homeland Security—Office of Domestic Preparedness.*

***Source for projections under Schumer and Administration proposals: Projections for each county under Schumer's proposal and under the Administration's budget proposal are based on historical data on grants received since 2001. Actual awards may vary based on the needs of local fire departments.*

For a full list of individual recipients, visit: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/winners.aspx>