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## **Cornyn: Austin to Receive \$220K Federal Grant for PPE for Firefighters**

**WASHINGTON**– The City of Austin was awarded a \$220,243.64 federal grant to enhance operations and safety for the Fire Department in response to the coronavirus pandemic, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced today. The funding was appropriated by the [CARES Act](#), which Sen. Cornyn supported in March, and comes through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) [Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#) (AFG), which aims to strengthen the nation’s overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards.

**“Firefighters are on the front lines of keeping our communities safe, and they deserve every resource possible at their disposal,”** said Sen. Cornyn. **“I applaud area leaders for their work to obtain this grant, and I’m grateful to the Trump Administration for supporting the City of Austin.”**

This grant will be used for personal protective equipment (PPE) and related supplies. You can read more about the FY 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental AFG program [here](#).

*Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.*

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