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## ***Shuster Announces DHS Grant to the Coral-Graceton Volunteer Fire Company in Indiana County***

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Coral-Graceton Volunteer Fire Company has been awarded an Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Coral-Graceton Volunteer Fire Company will use the \$237,500 federal grant for the purchase of a new fire engine.

“This grant is essential to providing our volunteer fire fighters with the best equipment possible to safeguard our communities,” Shuster said. “If not for this grant program, fire companies like Coral-Graceton would not be able to buy expensive equipment like a new fire engine on their own.”

“This grant is a necessity in replacing our primary fire engine which is outdated and becoming unreliable. It guarantees us of purchasing the most updated fire engine without depending on donations from the community,” Rob Gearhart, First Assistant Fire Chief stated. “By obtaining this grant, it ensures us of continuing our services to the communities with the state of the art equipment.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation’s first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security’s Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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