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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX**

SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove **BILL No. 2026-095**
Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend two grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Department of Fire Services (DFS) for the Fiscal Year 2026 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program in the amount of \$6,727.92 and the Senior SAFE program in the amount of \$2,859.19.

Summary: These grant funds support fire and life safety education programming for school-age children and the senior populations by trained firefighter-educators. The SAFE grant program focusses on school-age children, providing fire safety, prevention, and protection education that increases in complexity with each grade level. The Senior SAFE grants support fire, carbon monoxide, and other life safety education programs for older adults, particularly at senior centers, councils on aging, and through home visits. These programs may also include services like smoke and carbon monoxide alarm replacement, fall prevention education, and more. The SAFE grant program has been offered annually since 1995 and is associated with a 79% reduction in child fire fatalities. The Senior SAFE program, established in 2014, responds to the high number of fire-related injuries and deaths among older adults.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend two grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Department of Fire Services (DFS) for the Fiscal Year 2026 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program in the amount of \$6,727.92 and the Senior SAFE program in the amount of \$2,859.19.



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JON M. DAVINE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

April 27, 2026

Chief Robert Serino
City of Amesbury
124 Elm Street
Amesbury, MA 01960

Dear Chief Serino:

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Amesbury has been awarded \$6,727.92 for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program and \$2,859.19 for the Senior SAFE program in FY26.

Attached to this letter is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract Form and the Contract Addendum for your award. Please print and mail copies of these documents with original (wet ink) signatures to Sheryl Hedlund at the Department of Fire Services (DFS) address listed above. The Standard Contract Form Instructions and Commonwealth Terms and Conditions, which are incorporated by reference into this contract, may be found [here](#).

Please be aware that no grant purchases or grant-funded activities may begin until the contract has been fully executed by DFS and your department. Funds will not be disbursed until execution is complete. DFS will provide a copy of the fully executed contract, along with specific instructions, once it has been finalized.

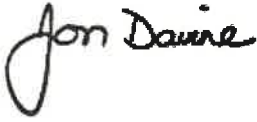
The expenses eligible for funding through this award, based on the contents of your application and our review, are listed at the bottom of the first page of your Contract Addendum. Please review this list carefully and contact DFS if you have any questions or identify a need to amend it at any point during the grant performance period. If SAFE or Senior SAFE grant funding are used for any item not explicitly listed in the Contract Addendum, the associated funding will need to be returned to DFS at the end of the grant performance period.

If you have any questions about the requirements described above, please contact Sheryl Hedlund at 978-567-3381 or Sheryl.Hedlund@mass.gov.

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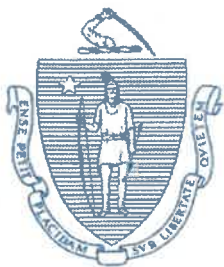
As always, thank you for your dedication to educating our most vulnerable citizens on the risks of fire and other life safety hazards. Your tireless efforts will, without a doubt, continue to save lives, and I look forward to hearing of the success stories that result from this year's funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Davine". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Jon M. Davine
State Fire Marshal

CC: Lieutenant Christopher Allender
Firefighter/Paramedic Cassandra Johnson



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The SAFE Program has provided immeasurable benefits to the Commonwealth since its inception, and we are so proud to be continuing that tradition again this year. Please know how thankful we are for your ongoing dedication to educating and protecting our most vulnerable populations.

The contract, terms and conditions, and other award documents for this program will be provided to you by DFS. Please contact Sheryl Hedlund at the Department of Fire Services at 978-567-3381 with any questions you have about this award.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Maura T. Healey in blue ink.

GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Driscoll in blue ink.

LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

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