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Westland Fire Department Receives \$400K Grant to Purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

October 20, 2020 - The Westland Fire Department has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the purchase of 10 new cardiac monitor/defibrillators and 15 automated external defibrillators (AED's). The total grant award is \$396,645.00 which was awarded through a regional effort and inter-departmental collaboration. The grant includes a city match funding portion of 10% (\$36,066.03).

These new devices will replace and update the monitors Westland purchased several years ago, and will replace and update all the city building automated external defibrillators (AED's) to new Wi-Fi capable devices where issues will be monitored from the Office of Fire Administration. The additional 5 monitors will be used to outfit Advanced Life Support engines.

"Westland currently has 5 monitors that have some trade-in value which will be used to offset maintenance agreements and upgrade some other equipment that is at end of life that qualifies under the grant," commented Fire Chief, Michael Stradtner. "This is a large improvement to our service levels and the costs associated with the monitors was the biggest barrier to ALS engines."

"The City depends on grants like these to continue to fund service enhancements for our residents," remarked Mayor William R. Wild. "Every day we count on our firefighters to perform at their best, this is a tool which will help the fire fighters to improve their efficiency and better serve our residents in need."

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to “cut the red tape” and expedite the approval process for new business development.