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During a press conference held today at Worcester, MA City Hall, Governor Deval Patrick released the names of the departments who were awarded monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Services Municipal Fire Staffing Grant.

Andover Fire Rescue was awarded a grant in the amount of \$98,000 that will be utilized to offset the \$133,000 that the organizations budget was reduced as a result of Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski's recommendation and voted on during the town meeting process.

The monies awarded were made available as a result of Governor Patrick committing \$20 million of state American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to assist those cities and towns that have experienced a reduction in firefighting sources through either layoffs or the lack of available funding to retain a specific number of firefighters on-duty per shift.

The competitive grant application for the funding was submitted in August requesting the total of \$245,000.

Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield stated that even though this is one time funding he was "elated" with the news and hopes to be able to utilize the funds to offset the budget shortfalls.

The Chief also expressed his appreciation to all those who worked "behind the scenes" in an effort to make this funding available.