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"Sorensen credited Fire Department Executive Officer Paul Lisowski for the grant's approval, saying Lisowski has been working to find ways to bring more grant funding into the department."



[Park Ridge Fire Department awarded \\$500,000 FEMA grant to replace 21-year-old engine](#)

A grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will allow the Park Ridge Fire Department to replace a 21-year-old fire engine after attempts to obtain city funding reportedly failed.

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[Lauren Hall](#) Does anyone know why this wasn't a priority for the city? Why they waited for federal money and if they will get the other \$500k they need?

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[Kathy Meade](#) I am just appreciative that the fire department saw an opportunity and applied for the grant. I think they only need a \$50,000 match—unless it was a misprint. **Hopefully the city**

sees this as a phenomenal opportunity to get a brand new state-of-the-art engine for the price of an entry-level Lexus.

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[Derek Cadmus](#) While I appreciate everything the FD and our boys do for the community, this seems like an extreme misappropriation of funds given the state of emergency in Louisiana, Florida and entire East Coast. Am I the only one bothered by this?

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[Gail Wilkening](#) No. I support the PRFD and the fact they were able to get a grant is awesome. I had been on the Park Board and believe me, it is not easy to get grants, especially of this size. It's a very difficult, detailed and time consuming process. WTG [Jeff Sorensen](#) and the PRFD!

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[Joan Sandrik](#) Great job, thank you!

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[Nikos Milissis](#) Great job indeed. The city and the taxpayers saved half a million dollars due to the PRFD management's proactive approach in applying for and securing the grant. The city only needs to match \$50,000. Not a misprint.

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[Derek Cadmus](#) What I'm reading is that the city no longer has any motivation to budget for long term capital expenses and instead would encourage the FD, PD, flood mgt, library schools, park district, etc to look elsewhere for necessary funding. Kudos to those involved for their efforts, but the long term consequences of this toward other services are concerning. It'll be interesting to see how this all plays out.

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[Phil Poole](#) Good point Derek, perhaps we will learn to appropriate appropriately down the road.

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[Gail Wilkening](#) Applying for grants does not imply bad budgeting or not planning for long term capital expenses. It means the people are looking out for the tax payers, the citizens of Park

Ridge, to find alternate sources of funding! It means management is going above and beyond to stretch our tax dollars.

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[Derek Cadmus](#) Yes, residents want their tax dollars to get the most bang for their buck therefore applying for and receiving grants in itself is admirable. One concern is this will put other city services in jeopardy because of the precedent it sets. Does Park Ridge...[See More](#)

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[Fred Sanchez](#) Way to go [Paul](#)!

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[Barbara Gaffke](#) Well done EO Paul Lisowski !

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[Susan McGarry](#) Thank you Paul Lisowski and the entire Park Ridge Fire Dept. We have been served very well by our Fire and Police Depts and I appreciate and thank all of you. Park Ridge is a great place to call home..

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