

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2025-2875**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR AN INNOVATION
GRANT UPON THE APPROVAL BY WEST ALLIS AND WAUWATOSA OF AN
AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES TO A JOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, 2023 Wisconsin Act 12 created an innovation grant program for any municipality that transfers certain municipal services or duties to a county, municipality, nonprofit organization, or private entity and meets other parameters; and

WHEREAS, 2025 Wisconsin Act 15 amended the parameters that make a municipality eligible for the innovation grant program, making it possible for the City to be eligible for an innovation grant by transferring fire protection and emergency services to a joint fire department; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 79.038 allows municipalities to apply for an innovation grant only after they have a signed agreement to transfer services to a joint fire department; and

WHEREAS, the innovation grant could be up to five annual payments, each of which is equal to 25% of the total costs to provide fire protection and emergency services in the year prior to transferring those services; and

WHEREAS, initial estimates for the innovation grant payment are \$4.25 million annually, or between \$16 million - \$21 million over five years; and

WHEREAS, it is unknown exactly when grant applications will be available, but if Wauwatosa and West Allis approve a joint fire department agreement in the future, the City intends for this resolution to pre-authorize staff to apply for an innovation grant without delay;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City Of West Allis, in the State of Wisconsin, that the common council approves city staff to apply for an innovation grant under Wis. Stat. 79.038 related to the transfer fire protection and emergency services to a joint fire department as soon as the City is eligible to do so.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “R-2025-2875” of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2025-2875(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Ray Turner	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kimberlee Grob	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Chad Halvorsen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marissa Nowling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Patty Novak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Tracey Uttke, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West
Allis