

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant of \$225,000 to the Hardwick Fire Department.

"The Hardwick firefighters have been using a woefully outdated tanker truck and I am extremely pleased that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided the funding to replace it," said Olver.

This grant was awarded through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, a program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

This funding will allow Hardwick to purchase a replacement tanker-pumper truck and finally retire the current truck.

Hardwick is one of 489 departments across the country to receive funding under the latest disbursement of the program.

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For more information, contact Chief Robert Goodfield at the Hardwick Fire Department at (413) 473-2100.

For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, please visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).