

GRANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
Granville, Vermont

It is with immense pleasure to announce that the Town of Granville has been awarded a \$488,000.00 Congressional Budget Award with the help of Rep. Becca Baliant and former Selectboard Chair Bruce Hyde to renovate and update the Granville Fire Station located at 5051 VT Route 100.

This project will provide critical improvements for the Granville Fire Station which was constructed in 1975 as an equipment bay to shelter Granville Volunteer Fire Department's (GVFD) apparatus and currently has no potable water or sewer. GVFD must add space and infrastructure to make the building functional and usable for fire personnel and Emergency Medical Services. These improvements will include installing drinking water and a septic system; repairing water damaged drywall, exterior rot and punctured siding; improving insulation; upgrading the electrical system; and adding an addition with toilets, showers and a washer and dryer for personnel, and a dedicated meeting space for trainings and debriefing. Currently any meetings require pulling the fire vehicles out of the one room Fire Station which also houses equipment, GVFD office computers, and medical supply storage.

Granville Volunteer Fire Department has been working out of the Town's building for many years without running water. There currently are no bathrooms. This project is a priority to the district because this small all-volunteer fire service with 15 personnel provides both fire response and crucial stabilizing emergency medical services to community members of Granville and Hancock, and mutual aid to surrounding towns. The closest ambulance is housed in Bethel, Vt which can be a 45-minute response time depending on weather and traffic. This project will allow fire and EMS responders to shower and change after a call, have potable drinking water on site, clean their equipment appropriately, and have space for meetings and trainings. It is untenable that a firehouse in 2026 would not have these critical necessities.

The Town will be looking into funding sources to cover the expenses of this project, and the USDA Rural Development will reimburse the Town for those expenses up to 25% of the Total Eligible Project Cost.