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SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP SECURES FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL VEHICLE

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SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP, York County – On Wednesday, Spring Garden Township was awarded \$56,672 through the Category 4 Local Share Account program to support the purchase of a dedicated emergency snow removal vehicle.

“Preparedness is the foundation of effective emergency response,” said Luther Wike, Jr., Township Manager. “By securing this funding, we are strengthening our ability to keep stations accessible and responders moving during hazardous conditions. We thank Senator Phillips-Hill and Representative Hill-Evans for their partnership in advancing public safety across our community.”

The funding will be used to purchase a heavy-duty, four-wheel-drive pickup truck equipped with a full snowplow package, stability and traction control systems, and power-heated mirrors. Once acquired, the vehicle will be stationed at one of two York Area United Fire & Rescue stations located within Spring Garden Township.

Local elected officials highlighted the collaborative and regional impact of strengthening emergency response infrastructure.

“Ensuring that our fire and EMS teams can deploy without delay is essential, especially during winter storms when call volumes are high and conditions are hazardous,” said Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill. “This funding allows the township to eliminate a dangerous gap in response capability.”

Representative Carol Hill-Evans noted that the investment supports emergency readiness across multiple municipalities served by York Area United Fire & Rescue.

“This project strengthens emergency response not just for Spring Garden Township, but the entire region served by York Area United Fire & Rescue. Supporting emergency responders with the right tools helps safeguard every household and business in the area.”

York Area United Fire & Rescue responds to more than 5,000 emergency calls each year across Spring Garden Township, Springettsbury Township, and Manchester Township. During major snow and ice events, emergency operations currently depend on public road crews to clear station access routes—an arrangement that cannot guarantee immediate clearance.

“This funding directly addresses a known gap in our response system during winter weather and ensures our firefighters and EMS crews can deploy without delay,” stated YAUFR Chief Daniel Hoff.

Administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, the Category 4 LSA program—serving Berks, Cumberland, Westmoreland and York Counties—distributes funds generated by gaming revenues to support projects that improve public interest and quality of life in communities across Pennsylvania. In the current grant cycle, 26 projects were awarded in York County, totaling \$1,935,651.

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