

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Mobile County Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authority (FPA) from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$225,000, is being made available through the USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle.

"I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has approved this funding for the Mobile County Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authority," Bonner said. "Mobile County and its residents are to be strongly commended for their efforts in recent years to strengthen their numerous fire departments and, through that process, provide a greater degree of safety and fire prevention for area communities."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides one-year grant funding to local fire departments to assist them in improving their ability to respond to fire-related and other emergencies in their communities. The funding can be used to purchase firefighting equipment, enhance emergency medical services programs, fund firefighter health and safety programs, and conduct fire education and prevention programs.