WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Salinas Rural Fire Protection District has received a $99,360 operations and safety grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

"Monterey County has seen more than its fair share of fire over the last year, with massive blazes touching so many lives," said Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "This grant program offers a vital stream of funds for our fire departments, and I'm proud of the work I do to support this program. Homeland Security means hometown security, and that starts with keeping our first responders properly equipped and trained."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program has provided $2.75 billion to first-responder organizations around the country since the grant program began in 2004. The operations and safety grants the two fire departments will receive can be used for training, equipment, fitness and health modifications to stations and facilities.

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