

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2024

Date Submitted: February 20, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Kris Hood, Chief

Subject: Approval to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the Gadsden County Fire Service.

Background:

The primary goal of the assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of the fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other recourses needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Analysis:

The AFG Grant will assist the fire service by allowing the purchase, upgrade, and/or replace worn out equipment that can make the difference between life and death.

Fiscal Impact:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program requires a Cost Share or Match based on the population in the fire service responsive area. When serving a jurisdiction of more than 20,000 residents but less than 1 million residents, the applicant shall agree to make available non-federal funds in an amount equal to not less than 10% of the grant awarded. The following is what the fire service is seeking assistance to purchase with quoted prices.

(10) full set of Firefighting Bunk Gear	\$ 42,420.00
Cascade Fill System to fill SCBA Bottles	<u>\$ 52,473.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 94,893.00</u>
<i>The County's Cost Share or Match</i>	<i>\$ 9,489.30</i>

Options:

1. Approve to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation

Option 1.

Attachment:

None.