



Lumpkin County Emergency Services

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Staff Analysis

September 29, 2015

Agenda Item: Funding Opportunity
Georgia Forestry Commission
Georgia Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program
Equipment

Item Description: The Georgia Forestry Commission will begin accepting requests for the NFP/VPA grant, which allows purchases from the options listed below.

Options/Priorities

- 1.) Skid units for quick response vehicles and GFC built water tenders
- 2.) Wildland PPE
- 3.) Firefighter safety equipment
- 4.) Class A and/or B foam systems and foam
- 5.) All other ISO equipment

Facts and Historical Information:

In the past, the County has successfully obtained funding from this annual program to purchase much needed emergency equipment. It is the Fire Department's intent to request funding for the purchase of Wildland Equipment and other Personal Protection Equipment.

Potential Courses Of Action:

- A. Submit an application for funding assistance.
- B. Not submit an application for funding assistance and purchase the equipment through the regular budget.

Budget Impact: If the County should be awarded the grant, there is a fifty (50) % local cash match requirement. Funds have been budgeted in the County's FY-2016 Budget to meet the match requirement should the grant be awarded.

5,000.00	Grant Award (Reimbursement)
<u>5,000.00</u>	Local Cash Match
\$10,000.00	Project Total

Staff

Recommendation: Please see the attached letter from Chief Wimpy.



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October 1, 2015

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MEMO TO: Bob Farris, Devon Dartnell, Frank Sorrells, District Management, and Chief Rangers

MEMO FROM: Mark Millirons

SUBJECT: VFA/NFP Grant Program Announcement

Please share the following information with fire departments serving communities of less than 10,000 populations in your counties.

We will begin accepting requests for the NFP/VFA 50/50 and VFA Wildland PPE 50/50 grant, which allows purchases from the options listed below on October 1, 2015. The attached grant application will be utilized to establish priority awards. If requesting from both grants, Cooperating Fire Departments should return a completed application, for each grant, to RFD offices in Macon by mail or fax no later than 4:30 P.M. on October 30, 2015. (See above mail / fax information)

Complete application, W-9 form and obtain three bids (with the exception of option 1, if RFD fabrication services are utilized), prior to submitting the packet. Be prepared to make the purchase and have all reimbursement documentation submitted no later than 4:30 PM on February 29, 2016. Any funds not spent by this date will be withdrawn.

Remember, a grant application is not valid unless signed by the appropriate head of the Government entity requesting assistance. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (see appendix A) must also be signed and included in application paperwork.

Options/Priorities

1. Skid units for quick response vehicles and GFC built water tenders
2. Wildland PPE (make separate application for Wildland PPE)
3. Firefighter safety equipment
4. Class A and/or B foam systems and foam.
5. All other ISO equipment

Note: Breathing Apparatus and Radios are not available for purchase under this grant!

This is a 50/50 matching grant! Fire Departments may qualify for reimbursement of up to 50% of \$10,000.00 or \$5,000.00 maximum per government entity. The 50/50 matching rule will apply to all amounts less than the maximum.

Helpful Hints: Grants will be awarded based on the above mentioned priorities. Exact project descriptions, including pricing breakdown, will increase an application's chance for approval. **No** grant application will be considered without the signed Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Agreement.

*All applicants will be notified of their status, by mail.

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the current NFP/VFA Grant.



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RE: Ga. Forestry VFA Grant

BOC,

The Lumpkin County Emergency Services has an opportunity to possibly receive a federal grant that will help fund some much needed equipment. Without grants like this and the economy in the shape it's in, we would not be able to purchase a lot of the more expensive items that we desperately need to do our job. This is a great opportunity, but we need your approval and support to continue with the process. Please read over the staff analysis and it will explain the opportunity and benefit it will give our department and also help us to continue giving the citizens of Lumpkin County the emergency services that they deserve.

With Regards,

David Wimpy,
LCES Director/Fire Chief