



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Finance Department

Date: November 23, 2015

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

Facts & Historical Information:

In October of 2015, the County prepared and submitted a grant application to the Georgia Forestry Commission for funding assistance through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program. The Georgia Forestry Commission has selected to fund the application submitted by the County in the amount of \$5,000.00.

These funds will be combined with \$5,000.00 in local funds to purchase emergency equipment identified by the Director of Emergency Services in the application. Included in the application were the following forms of equipment:

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

Potential Courses of Action:

- A. Accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant of \$5,000.00 from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
- B. Take no action.

Budget Impact:

While the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program does require the use of matching funds, sufficient funds have been allocated with the County's existing operating budget to meet this requirement.

Staff

Recommendation: Please see statement from David Wimpy, Director of Emergency Services.



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November 23, 2015

Lumpkin County
Lumpkin County Emergency Services

Dear Mark French,

This letter is to inform you that your application to the Georgia Forestry Commission for assistance to procure National Fire Plan / Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant has been approved for the reimbursed amount of **\$5,000.00**. According to the 50/50 matching requirement you would need to spend twice the reimbursable amount to receive full benefit. In the event lesser amounts are spent, the 50/50 matching rule will prevail.

Under the terms of the National Fire Plan / Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, Government entities must first purchase the items and then provide copies of purchase orders and delivery receipts to Georgia Forestry Commission, Rural Fire Defense Office, Macon, GA. for further processing. In addition to those items listed above, we need an invoice made out to the Georgia Forestry Commission, listing the requested reimbursement amount.

Documents not received by 4:30p.m., on February 29, 2016 will result in forfeiture of the awarded amount.

The invoice and supporting documentation will be reviewed for completeness prior to final reimbursement to the cooperating Government entity. Your assistance and participation in providing the information necessary for audit and reimbursement through the FY-2016 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark Millirons
Rural Fire Defense Program Manager



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November 24, 2015

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RE: Ga. Forestry VFA Grant

BOC,

The Lumpkin County Emergency Services was awarded the VFA grant that we applied for earlier this year. This 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 proceed forward. 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