



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

## Finance Department

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**Date:** February 17, 2016

**Agenda Item:** Funding Opportunity  
Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, Inc.  
Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program  
Emergency Services - Equipment

**Facts & Historical Information:**

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, Inc. (GFBF) has recently announced it is accepting applications for its Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program. Eligible applicants are limited to Georgia certified fire departments. Applicants may request up to \$3,000.00 in funding assistance for the purpose of developing a new program or enhance an existing public life safety program dedicated primarily to fire safety and burn prevention education. Applications must be submitted to GFBF for consideration no later than April 22, 2016.

If awarded, grant funds are to be used to acquire equipment and non-consumable items that have an expected life of more than five years. Examples of these items may include but are not limited to: robots for safety education; stationary or mobile fire safety houses; table-top hazard houses; audio-visual equipment; puppet programs; smoke alarm programs; and manualized educational programs. Grant funds may not be used to cover personnel or operating expenses.

Since the Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program is reimbursable in nature, all grant-funded activities must be completed and reimbursement requested from the GFBF no later than October 28, 2016.

**Potential Courses of Action:**

- A. Submit a Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program application to GFBF.
- B. Take no action.

**Budget Impact:** There will be no impact to the County's budget as a result of submitting an application to GFBF for funding.

**Staff**

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



## Lumpkin County Emergency Services

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February 23, 2016

Board of Commissioners  
99 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

RE: Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant

BOC,

The Lumpkin County Emergency Services has an opportunity to possibly receive a non-matching grant that will help fund some much needed prevention and education 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 also the attached information, it will explain the opportunity and benefit it will give our department, so that we can teach the children and citizens about fire safety and prevention.

The equipment we are hoping to purchase is a fire hydrant robot. The total cost on this equipment is, \$6768.00.

With Regards,

David Wimpy,  
LCES Director




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**Pluggie** can be used with great success in school classrooms, assemblies, station tours, mall exhibits, state and local fairs, and any other setting where your safety message is presented.

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### Robot Details

#### Pluggie™ Robot

- Product Dimensions: 24" x 18" x 36"
- Weight: 80 pounds
- Shipping and handling charges are \$350.00 within the contiguous United States.

#### Pluggie the Fireplug™ Deluxe Package

*Includes Robot, Super RC Battery Pack, Super RC Battery Charger, Robot Transport Cart, Robot Cover, and Extra Robot Battery. Savings over items purchased separately.*

- Item Number: 100013
- Price.....\$5,845.00

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*Comes with all the [features listed](#) and everything you need to make him operate.*

- Item Number: 100012
- Price.....\$5,545.00

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### Available Robot Options

Item	Image	Price	Part Number
Water Squirter		\$275.00	580027



### Sole Source Documentation



To download the sole source documentation for Pluggie click on the icon to the left. You will need to have [Adobe Reader](#) in order to view the PDF.

### Educational Materials

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## SOLE SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

Robotronics is the world's foremost promotional and educational robot and costume manufacturer. At the present, we have over six thousand robots and thousands of costumes in use around the world. Robotronics is considered the **Sole Source** manufacturer and distributor of the **PLUGGIE THE FIRE PLUG™** robots, costumes and puppets. We continue to be the leader in promotional and safety education robots and costumes based on sales and reputation. Our robots and costumes are distinctive because of their unique industrial-grade construction, microprocessor-based functionality, durability, and because they are easily recognized as realistic, life-like, attractive and friendly characters. No other similar products are manufactured or exist.

**We currently hold exclusive licenses to produce the following:**

- McGruff the Crime Dog™ and Scruff™ robots, costumes and puppets, licensed by the NCPC (National Crime Prevention Council)
- Sparky the Fire Dog® robots costumes and puppets, licensed by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)
- Smokey Bear™ robots and costumes, licensed by the USFS (USDA Forest Service)
- Eddie Eagle™ costume, licensed by the NRA (National Rifle Association, Eddie Eagle Gun Safety© Program)
- Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion robots, costumes and puppets, licensed by D.A.R.E. America



**GEORGIA FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**CHESNEY FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM**  
**REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES**

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The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation (GFBF) offers a special grant program in memory of Gwinnett County career firefighter, Brant Chesney, who lost his life on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1996, battling a fire as a volunteer with the Forsyth County Fire Department, and all other fallen firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the State of Georgia. Grants awarded under this program are to be used by fire departments in the State of Georgia to develop a new program or enhance an existing public life safety program, dedicated primarily to fire safety and burn prevention education.

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*Please read this entire document before applying.*

**CONDITIONS:**

All applications must:

1. Be submitted by a Georgia certified fire department.
2. Have program goal(s) achievable within specified time period.

**FUNDS AVAILABILITY:**

1. Maximum grant available is \$3,000 per fire department application.
2. Applications requesting lesser amounts are encouraged to apply.
3. Grant requests will be reviewed and administered through the GFBF.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Funds must be utilized no later than **Friday, October 28, 2016**. If by this date, said Department has not accessed its grant award, funds will revert to the GFBF's general operating budget and the Department must reapply for funding. Upon reapplying, the Department's request will be considered as a new request.
2. Funding will be disbursed as reimbursement to the Department (with receipts) or by direct invoice from the vendor.
3. Joint ventures between fire departments and other agencies will be considered.
4. Departments must make available fire safety education to all sections of society located within their community at no cost.
5. Awarded Departments may be required to present program at a local conference or meeting.
6. A detailed grant report must be submitted to the GFBF following the completion of the program no later than **Friday, December 16, 2016**. The report must include specific usage of funds, details of program implementation, demonstration of program effectiveness, photographs and media coverage. If the required grant report is not submitted to the GFBF by December 11th, 2015, the Department may no longer be eligible for future funding through this grant program.
7. Departments applying for GFBF funds to be used towards a program whose total cost exceeds \$3,000 must show that resources are available to complete program.
8. Departments must contact the GFBF regarding scheduled media involvement and GFBF recognition so that GFBF representatives may directly participate in program implementation and media coverage when possible. Chesney grant recipients are encouraged to use the GFBF logo or, at a minimum, the GFBF name on any information recognizing funding support. In addition, the GFBF should be recognized in annual reports, newsletters and other collateral material.

#### CONSIDERATIONS:

The following will be considered by the Review Committee when determining priority of grant award recipients:

1. Departments should demonstrate effectiveness in the program goals.
2. Departments are encouraged to use creative approaches and include necessary components of an effective prevention program.
3. Use of GFBF grant funds in combination with funds from donations and other sources is encouraged but not required.
4. Departments should expand proven successful programs to new areas when possible.
5. Joint efforts among groups and organizations are encouraged.
6. Departments are encouraged to make effective programs available to other departments or agencies.
7. Department's participation in GFBF fundraising activities receives extra consideration, but all Departments are encouraged to apply.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF FUNDS:

1. Funds can be used to purchase equipment and non-consumable items that have an **expected life of more than five (5) years**. Examples of these items may include but are not limited to: robots for safety education, stationary or mobile fire safety houses, table top hazard houses, audio-visual equipment, puppet programs, smoke alarm programs, and manualized educational programs.
2. Funds may not be used for personnel expense, operating expense, or miscellaneous expense. All expenditures must be itemized. Additionally, funds **may not be used to purchase consumable items** including, but not limited to: brochures, pamphlets, coloring books, crayons, pencils, stickers, plastic, helmets, magnets, balloons, and food.
3. Grant funds must be used for the original purpose /program stated in the application. Funding may only be applied to another program other than that stated in the application upon approval by GFBF and Review Committee.

#### REVIEW COMMITTEE:

1. Review Committee will consist of four (4) fire safety professionals, and one member of the GFBF Board of Directors, who shall serve as the Chair of the Committee.
2. Rating process is developed by the Review Committee.
3. Decision of Review Committee will be final upon approval by the GFBF Board of Directors.

#### TIMELINE:

1. **April 22, 2016:** Applications must be submitted online at [www.gfbf.org](http://www.gfbf.org) by 5:00pm April 22, 2016 and supporting documents must be postmarked on or before April 22, 2016 for consideration.
2. **May 20, 2016:** Notification of awards to all applicants.
3. **October 28, 2016:** Deadline to access and spend grant funds (**Note: All vendor invoices and departmental reimbursement requests with accompanying receipts must be received no later than 5:00pm on Friday, October 28, 2016**).
4. **December 16, 2016:** Grant Report and all accompanying documentation (i.e. videos, media clips and photographs) due to GFBF office.

#### QUESTIONS:

Please contact the GFBF office at (404) 320-6223 or 1-800-273-2876.

**GEORGIA FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION, INC.  
CHESNEY FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM  
GRANT CONTRACT**

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The following checklist of grant materials must be submitted online and postmarked on or before **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** for consideration:

- Application (found online at [www.gfbf.org](http://www.gfbf.org))
- Grant Contract (mailed to the GFBF)
- Detailed budgetary spreadsheet itemizing your request (mailed to the GFBF)
- Other supporting data: photos, diagrams, etc. (mailed to the GFBF)

This grant contract must be signed by the officer(s) who is/are legally authorized to bind the department:

_____ Authorized Signature (Fire Chief)	_____ Printed name
_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Authorized Signature (Implementing Personnel)	_____ Printed name
_____ Title	_____ Date

Please mail this contract form along with any additional application materials to:

CFFM Grant  
Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, Inc.  
2575 Chantilly Drive, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

**Must be postmarked on or before Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for consideration**

**GEORGIA FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION, INC.  
CHESNEY FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM  
INFORMATION NEEDED FOR GRANT APPLICATION**

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- Name and contact information for Fire Chief who must sign the contract for the grant
- Fire Department Compliance Number (Note: Compliance Numbers can be obtained from the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council. Applications without compliance numbers will not be processed.)
- How you learned about Chesney Grant.
- Name and address of other groups/agencies who partner with you on this program (if any).
- Name, contact information, and professional qualifications of person responsible for implementing grant funds if awarded.
- Has your department received CFFM Grant funding in the past? If so, in what year(s) and for what program?
- Describe your department's experience and/or achievements with fire safety and burn prevention activities by briefly describing the mission, goal and major accomplishments of your fire safety education department.
- How does your department work with other agencies/departments to provide fire safety and burn prevention education (e.g. Schools, Safe Kids, EMS, Law Enforcement, Insurance Companies)?
- What Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation activities has your department been involved in (past and current)?
- Who is your target audience (e.g. elementary/middle/high school students, senior citizens, etc.)?
- In as much detail as possible please provide a description of your program goals. (i.e. What are your plans for the grant funds?) Please include supporting data, explanation, and need. In addition, please provide a detailed budgetary spreadsheet itemizing your request.
- Is this a new or existing program?
- Explain the need for the program.
- Describe how you will evaluate the effectiveness of your program. (Be specific. Examples include administration of pre/post-tests, verbal and behavioral competency demonstrations, etc.).
- Outline a schedule within a specified time frame for your program completion. (i.e. When do you plan to start and finish the program?)
- Describe your plans for media involvement (Newspaper, Radio, Television, etc.) and GFBBF recognition.
- What is the total cost of the program?
- What is the total amount requested from the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation through the Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program (total may not exceed \$3,000)?
- If total cost of the program exceeds \$3,000, please show that resources are available to complete program.

**PLEASE NOTE: You now have the option to upload the required files at the end of the online application instead of mailing hard copies if you would like. Please only send PDF, Word, Excel, or JPEG files. Maximum file size is 128MB.**