

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Habersham County Emergency Services permission to apply for the FEMA 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase new Fire Pumper/Apparatus

DATE: November 18, 2021

☐ RECOMMENDATION
☒ RATIFY FOR APPROVAL
OF APPLICATION
☐ POLICY DISCUSSION
☐ STATUS REPORT
☐ OTHER

BUDGET INFORMATION:

ANNUAL-

CAPITAL- 59,718.57

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: 10/19/2020

PURPOSE:

Recommend Habersham County Commission approve for Habersham County Emergency Services to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the 2021 Application period to purchase new Fire Pumper/Apparatus. The projected cost from CMJM Consulting establishes the county's matching amount of \$40,454.50, \$19,264.07 in fees for the grant writer agency with total proposed cost of \$445,000.00. While we have funds in upcoming SPLOST VII ballot if approved, this grant if awarded would help cover estimated 70 to 75% of the cost of the apparatus and equipment.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Habersham County Emergency Services has a need to purchase a new Fire Pumper/Engine and has the opportunity to apply again for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that will provide over 80% of the funding for this piece of equipment if successful on the grant award. If approved for this grant, this would save the county over \$300,000 from what is currently approved for 2022 FY purchase of a fire engine/apparatus currently in SPLOST VII.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. HCES will need to purchase for replacement a new Fire Pumper/Apparatus in 2021, which is allocated in current SPLOST VII items being voted on in November.
 - b. Estimates are \$450,000 or more for what the department would need for cost of the truck and equipment, where the county would be required to pay 10% match of approved funds.
 - c. Fire apparatus cost since 2020 have increased over 5% and industry experts say to expect at minimum 3% per year over the next 5 years which would be an additional \$60,000 to \$70,000 increase over that time span.
 - d. Current fleet of Fire Pumpers/Apparatus is in poor condition overall, from 2 front line pumpers to spare fleet that is in extremely poor condition.
 - e. This grant if successful, will pay for most of the cost of the pumper/engine, including some new equipment that would be needed for the truck.
 - f. Habersham would pay the 10% match of funds, or less, which we anticipate award of estimated \$360,000, so \$36,000 match would be required if that was the amount awarded.
 - g. Current Fire Apparatus continues to be major maintenance issue for the department where
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front-line ladder truck for example, has been out of service more this year than in service due to maintenance issues which has now cost the county over 4 plus years since the purchase almost what we paid for the truck in 2016.

- h. Habersham has purchased used fire apparatus over the years in some cases and that now continues to present with continued maintenance issues and extended out of service time for front-line and spare apparatus.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the request for Habersham County Emergency Services to apply for the 2021 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase new Fire Pumper/Apparatus.
 - 2) Deny the request to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
 - 3) Commission defined alternative.
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

Move to approve Habersham County Emergency Services to apply for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase new Fire Pumper/Apparatus and equipment.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Jeffrey D. Adams

Director _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**_____

_____ **DATE:**_____

County Manager

**JMCM Consulting
Project Cost Estimate**

Calculated Date:

11/3/2021

2020 AFG Total Grant Request

Department:

County

City, State

Habersham County

Habersham County

Clarksville GA

Total Value of Equipment Project

Grant # EMW-2020-FG	
Equipment	\$ 235,700.00
Contractual	\$ 71,700.00
Total Request	\$ 307,400.00
FEMA Award	\$ 292,761.90
Department Match	\$ 14,638.10
JMCM Consulting Fee*	\$ 13,941.04
Total Cost to Dept**	\$ 28,579.14

Total Value of Vehicle Replacement Project

Grant # EMW-2020-FG	
Vehicle	\$ 445,000.00
Total Request	\$ 445,000.00
FEMA Award	\$ 404,545.50
Department Match	\$ 40,454.50
JMCM Consulting Fee*	\$ 19,264.07
Total Cost to Dept**	\$ 59,718.57

***Fee will be payable to JMCM Consulting thirty (30) days following the official award notification date listed on the Award Package cover letter.**

****These values are determined based on the original project estimate. If the amount of the project is reduced by FEMA, the fee payable will be reduced accordingly.**

Item Detail