

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009

Date Submitted: May 4, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Louis Lamarche, Interim Fire Chief

Subject: Request Board Approval to Fund a \$7,000.00 Match Requirement for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Awarded to the Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to fund a \$7,000.00 match requirement for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded to the Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department.

Background:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program annually issues funding on a match basis for communities to obtain new fire apparatus, protective clothing, equipment, and existing fire department structure improvements. The Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase a mini pumper (squad truck). This grant was submitted last year by the Sopchoppy Fire Department and was approved by FEMA in December 2008. The grant was awarded by FEMA for \$140,000.00, which requires a County match amount of \$7,000.00.

Analysis:

This grant was submitted by the Sopchoppy VFD for one vehicle (the mini pumper) that is able to replace two old and outdated fire apparatus. Staff proposes to utilize funds from the Major Equipment Purchase Budget Appropriation to meet the match requirement of \$7,000.00 (Account #180-9000-522-992-000). The fire apparatus budget appropriation currently has sufficient funding for this match amount.

The mini pumper truck will provide the citizens of Wakulla County a vehicle capable of fire suppression and rescue operations. The mini pumper will have a full complement of rescue tools and extrication equipment including the "Jaws of Life."

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Options:

1. Approve the funding of a \$7,000.00 match requirement for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded to the Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department.
2. Do not approve the funding of a \$7,000.00 match requirement for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded to the Sopchoppy Volunteer Fire Department.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Grant applications and award letters