



# Gaston County Fire Commission



## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

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#### Name

Alexis Fire Department

#### Address

PO Box 157

Address Line 1

4168 Charles Raper Jonas Highway

Address Line 2

Alexis

City

North Carolina

State

28006

Zip Code

#### Chief

Brad Presswood

#### Contact Phone #

(704) 719-6400

#### Board President

Ronald Sadler

#### Contact Phone #

(704) 363-6836

#### Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

Yes  No

#### General Description of Purchase

Replace Brush 207. Replace with a unit of similar capabilities.

#### Time Line of Purchase

Begin specification process Q1 of FY27. Place order in Q2 of FY27. With a 9–12-month delivery time, actual time for funding would be estimated at Q1-Q2 of FY28.

#### List Specifics of Purchase

Brush / Medical response unit. Flatbed with skid unit. Preliminary estimates from two vendors are in the \$250,000 to \$300,000 purchase price range.

#### Estimated Cost

\$300,000.00

## Financing Information

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### Lender

Peoples Bank or Community Leasing Partners

### Amount Financed

\$300,000.00

### Rate

5.63

### Estimated Amount

\$9,920.00

### Number of Payments

40

### Down Payment Amount

\$0.00

### Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase

22% / 25%

### Any Re-Financing or Bundling

Yes  No

### If Yes, then Describe

### How Will Purchase Benefit the Department (Safety/ISO/Cost Savings, etc)

Replace an aging apparatus. Parts are more difficult to find for the upfit components. The class A foam system is inoperable, due to parts unavailability. Chassis springs have been replaced once due to truck lean.

### How Will Purchase be Funded (Long Term - NOT Just Current Year)

Would require a \$40,000 increase to debt retirement for the next 10 years.

### If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

Continue to request replacement funding until approved. ITEM TO NOTE. This is the only capital funding request that is projected for the next 5-7 years, as shown in our last CIP that was submitted. Upcoming SCBA and Tanker 204 replacement funding would be provided by retiring current debt.

### Is This a Replacement?

Yes  No

**If Yes, List Details (Make, Model, Years of Service, Remaining Balance, etc.)**

2003 F550. 23 years of service. No balance. The current apparatus is owned by the Department.

**What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?**

Current expecting to sell the apparatus once the replacement is received and in service. Unit would be offered to Lincoln and Gaston exclusively for 30 days. After this, the unit would be offered to any other agency/person. Any equipment not transferred to the new unit would be sold or placed in storage.

**Submit your last three 5-Year Capital Improvement Plans:**

**5-year Plan**

Gaston 5 YCIP.xlsx

**5-year Plan #2 (optional)**

**5-year Plan #3 (optional)**

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**Account Balances:**

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Other	Other
\$105,211.00			\$63,568.00		
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund
				Other	Other

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Received By (OEMFS Director):  
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Date:  
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Fire Commission Meeting Date:  
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APPROVED      NOT  
APPROVED

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:  
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APPROVED      NOT  
APPROVED

**Certificate Number**

20262242-48

Alexis Fire Department  
5 year Capital Improvement Plan

2025

FY26

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No planned capital needs.

FY27

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Apply for CON for brush truck replacement.

FY28

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Replacement of Brush 207, estimated cost of \$200-\$250K. Unit will be 25 years old in 2028. This will require additional funding to cover financing.

FY29

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Retirement of building debt. Continue to maintain budgeted amount in savings for replacement of Tanker 204. Target to begin spec process in FY30 with delivery in FY33. Unit will be 25 years old in 2033. Apply for CON for tanker replacement.

FY30

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SCBA replacement. Estimated cost of \$300K for SCBAs, spare bottles, RIT packs, and to upgrade the blast chamber at the main station BA compressor to 5,500 psi. This will require additional funding to cover financing.