



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Fire Marshal

Board Action

File #: 17-295

Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Transfer of Accumulated Funds Realized from Past Tax Collections, Revaluation, Interest Earned, Etc. to Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. **(\$28,520.09)**

STAFF CONTACT

Eric Hendrix - Fire Marshal - 704-866-3231

BUDGET IMPACT

These transfers are keeping within current policy to transfer accumulated funds

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Transferring accumulated funds from Fund Balance Appropriated Account to Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. Subsidies Account

BACKGROUND

On occasion funds accumulate in fire district taxing accounts through the realization of past taxes being collected, property revaluation between budgets and account interest earned. This action will transfer such accumulated funds to Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. Chief Eric Withers submitted a spending plan (see attached) and CMFR's request for approval to ask the Commissioners to release \$28,520.09 of their reserve funds to them. CMFR will use these funds to pay off the balance of a loan to Fidelity Bank for edraulic equipment that was approved by a previous Certificate of Need. They are looking to decrease their debt service and free up their cash flow in anticipation of contracting with an architect and contractor for their new station (03). Chief Withers also updated the Board regarding the expenses incurred thus far in preparation of the new building. He also shared that he would be submitting a Certificate of Need, in the future, for air packs. Ted Hendrix made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they release \$28,520.09 reserve funds to Crowder's Mountain Fire and Rescue. David Toomey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Certificate of Need and Budget Change Request

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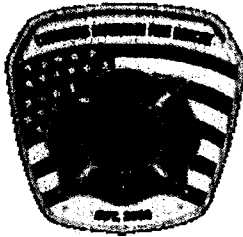
I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Fraleigh	Grant	Hovis	Keigher	Philbeck	Warley	Vote
2017-222	09/26/2017	TP	AF	A	A	A	A	AB	A	A	U

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Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
Office of the Department Chief
PO BOX 1181
Gastonia, NC 28053
Non-Emergency: 704-867-4451

July 14, 2017

Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. (CMVFR) and its Board of Directors are requesting \$28,520.09 from its reserve fund. Two years ago CMVFR purchased three (3) full sets of edraulics to replace the hydraulic equipment carried on our apparatus. This purchase was approved by the Fire Advisory Board and County Commissioners through a certificate of need. A copy of the certificate of need is attached.

CMVFR balance owed is \$28,520.09 to Fidelity Bank for the purchase of the edraulic equipment. By receiving this amount we would decrease our debt services by \$19,532 which would free up our cash flow. We are in the final stages of signing a contract with an architecture and contractor for Station 03. By permitting this request, the money would be reallocated to the fees and start-up costs for this project. The 2017-2018 debt services analysis for CMVFR along with an up-dated budget sheet is also attached for your viewing.

Thank you,

Eric Withers
Department Chief

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire DepartmentName: Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.Address: PO Box 1181 Gastonia NC 28053
*Street City State Zip*Chief: Eric Withers Contact Phone #: (704) 915-5477Board President: Chris Eason Contact Phone #: (704) 853-6795Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No**General Description of Purchase:**

Three complete sets of Hurst Edraulic extrication tools. One set consist of a spreader, cutter, and ram with 2 batteries plus charger per tool. Also, a 110v adapter is included with this package.

Time Line of Purchase:

CMVFR would be taking purchase immediately and tools would be available to us before February 01, 2016. This is important due to potential price increases with the first of the year. On average this number is 2%-4%.

List Specifics of Purchase:

Approved for Bank financing. Will pay \$18,606.92 down and finance \$55,800 over 3 yrs @ 3%. Quarterly payments of \$4,868.19 with a total cost of financing at \$2,764.50. Effect to 2015/16 budget is down payment and one quarterly payment (\$23,475.11).

Estimated Cost: \$74,406.92**Financing Information**Lender: Fidelity BankAmount Financed : \$55,800 Rate: 3%Estimated Amount : \$58,564.50 # of Payments: 12 (4 @ 3 Years)Down Payment Amount: \$18,606.92Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: 24% / 29%Any Re-Financing or Bundling ☐ Yes ☒ No (If Yes, Then Describe):

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

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

Safety for victim(s) trapped or pinned in their vehicle and/or machinery. Also, a safety benefit for our membership-lighter and stronger which equates less extrication time. No ISO benefit that we don't already receive. Cost savings is biggest reason for the purchase.

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

Purchase will be funded over next three years and will be budgeted. CMVFR does have almost \$80,000 in the fire reserve fund, but this is doable through our normal budget.

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

We would have current tools serviced and look for other alternatives. But other alternatives would also have a price in order to purchase. Also, the majority tools we currently have will not cut or pry today's average vehicle.

Is this a Replacement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, List Details (make, model, years of service, remaining balance, etc.).

All current tools and pumps are paid for in full- the majority is more than 20 years old.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

CMVFR will attempt to sale and/or donate to a less privileged department. This will be only for the tools that are less than 15 years old. The majority of our cache is obsolete to sale or donate.

Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Received By _____

FMO Staff

Date: _____

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved

Debt Service Analysis for Fiscal Year

Vehicles - Balance Owed

Apparatus	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
2008 Pierce	\$216,168.97	Fidelity Bank	Quarterly \$8700/\$34800.00
2- Pierce En	\$642,062.11	Fidelity Bank	Quarterly \$12,900/\$51,600.00
Total:	\$858,231.08		

Buildings and Facilities - Balance Owed

Building	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
Station 01	\$980,853.65	Fidelity Bank	Monthly \$8,250/\$99,000.00
Total:	\$980,853.65		

Other - Balance Owed

Other	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
Edraulic Tool	\$37,758.50	Fidelity Bank	Quarterly \$4,883/\$19,532.00
Total:	\$37,758.50		

Cash on Hand

As of Date:

March 8, 2017

Balance

Checking Account	\$191,814.42
Savings Account	
Other (Certificates of Deposit, etc.)	\$117,711.01

This budget request is presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners by the

Board of Directors for Fiscal Year

This budget was adopted by the Board of Directors on the day of

Signature / President

Signature / Secretary

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4340 Fire Marshal
Dept. # Department Name

8/24/2017
Department Director's Name Date

TYPE OF REQUEST:

☐ Line Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Funds *

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds *

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Departments*

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
	Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project	Whole Dollars Only
	xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	(See Note Below)
Fund Balance Appropriated	028-99-9900-0000-490000	(28,520.09)
*Additional Subsidies (A/S)		
Crowder's Mtn. Fire & Rescue		
(South Gastonia)	028-02-4415-0000-570007	28,520.09

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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Note: Decreases in expenditures & increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures & decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require interfund transfer accounts.