



# Gaston County Fire Commission



## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

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**Name**

LOWELL VOL FIRE DEPT

**Address**

202 Groves St

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

LOWELL

City

North Carolina

State

28098

Zip Code

**Chief**

Robbie Cunningham

**Contact Phone #****Board President**

HD Fulbright

**Contact Phone #****Fire Department Board Approval / Notification**

Yes  No

**General Description of Purchase**

New Fire Engine

**Time Line of Purchase**

Soon

**List Specifics of Purchase**

2026 Ferrara Sender Engine Demo Spec  
1000 gallons  
1750gpm single stage Hale pump  
450HP Cummins

**Estimated Cost**

\$900,000.00

**Financing Information**

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**Lender**

Civic Federal Credit Union

**Amount Financed**

\$900,000.00

**Rate**

6%

**Estimated Amount**

\$900,000.00

**Number of Payments**

120

**Down Payment Amount**

\$0.00

**Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase**

0

**Any Re-Financing or Bundling**

Yes  No

**If Yes, then Describe**

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

Replacing our Tanker that is on the downhill decline of 29 years old. Its is costing us more to fix.

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

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

None

**Is This a Replacement?**

Yes  No

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

1997 Ferrara Engine 1000 gallon

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

Reserve

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

**5-year Plan**

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

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

**Account Balances:**

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Money Market	Other
\$50,223.23	\$36,937.56	\$13,334.75		\$9,690.99	
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund
				Money Market	Other

**STAFF ONLY**

Received By (OEMFS Director):

Date:

Fire Commission Meeting Date:

APPROVED NOT  
APPROVED

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:

APPROVED NOT  
APPROVED

**Certificate Number**

20262242-45

