



Gaston County Fire Commission



CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department

Name

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Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

Yes

General Description of Purchase

(2) Ford F-350 Brush Units/ One Skid unit

Time Line of Purchase

5 months after placing order - Projected to be late 2025

List Specifics of Purchase

F350/ Crew Cab/ 6.7 L Gas Engine/Knaphide Utility Body/CET Fire Pumps Skid Unit.

Estimated Cost

\$160,000.00

Financing Information

Lender

Fidelity Bank

Amount Financed

\$160,000.00

Rate

6% (May vary based on date of loan issue)

Estimated Amount

\$196,340.00

Number of Payments

84

Down Payment Amount

\$0.00

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase

\$229,524 / \$268,716

Any Re-Financing or Bundling

No

If Yes, then Describe

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

Current brush units are 17 & 20 years of age respectively & one Skid unit is 17 years old. With age comes increasing maintenance costs and reliability issues. These units will effectively eliminate this.

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

Bank Financing

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

Continue to use current units

Is This a Replacement?

Yes

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

Both current trucks are Ford F350 models, one is 20 years and the other is 17 years old. No remaining balance on either.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

Both will placed on GovDeals for sale.

5-year Plan

5-year Plan #2 (optional)

5-year Plan #3 (optional)

Account Balances:

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Other	Other
\$375,679.00	\$518,223.00	\$0.00	\$93,581.00		

UPLOAD FILE(S)

Item 1

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