

Form 1. Individual Project Proposal Descriptions and Justification

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Project Title: Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Program Area: Ledyard Fire Company

Project Description:

This CIP budget item continues with the necessary turnout gear replacement and procurement for existing and newly recruited firefighters. The Ledyard Fire Company has experienced a surge in membership due to aggressive recruiting this year. We have no current stock of necessary turnout gear to put these new firefighters into service, which directly affects operations and subsequent member retention.

Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required for all aspects of fire department operations. OSHA, NFPA and Fire Department Standard Operating Policies require the use of PPE at all emergency incidents from motor vehicle accidents to structure fires. PPE is absolutely necessary to prevent injury and/or death of fire department members during the line of duty.

Firefighting PPE has a service life not to exceed 10 years. Our staggered purchase of PPE allows us to maintain a replacement and procurement cycle that does not unnecessarily burden the annual budget of the fire department in any one fiscal year.

Working in conjunction with the Gales Ferry Fire Company and Administrator of Emergency Services, the Fire Company established a PPE specification that meets all necessary requirements and is able to be purchased off a State of Connecticut bid through a local vender. The local vender is able to repair and service items quickly and with minimal cost.

At an average cost of \$2,000 per individual set of PPE, this CIP request will allow the fire company to purchase up to ten complete sets of PPE.

Evaluation Category: RPH

Planning Context:

The aforementioned funding requirements are continuous purchases and match previous years funded amounts. No increase in the funded amount is being requested for FY14.

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Schedule:

The entire requested amount will allow the fire department to procure 10 complete sets of firefighting PPE.

Coordination:

This project is not linked to other budget or CIP requests or covered by other funding sources.

Previous Town Meeting Action:

No previous action.

Project Priority:

1 / Highest priority within department/program area

Estimated Cost: \$20,000

Basis of Cost Estimate: Check one of the following. If you want to provide more detail on the estimate, do so with a narrative after indicating the type of estimate.

- Cost of comparable facility or equipment
 - Rule of thumb indicator, unit costs
 - From the cost estimate from engineer, architect, or vendor
 - From bids received
 - Preliminary estimate, (e.g. no other basis for estimate, guesstimate)
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Alternative Financing:

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No alternative funding available for this project.

Purchasing this equipment out of the department's annual budget will significantly interfere with our ability to maintain operations, replace and purchase necessary life safety equipment and will result in a significant future budget increases.

Prices above reflect state bid pricing from local vendors capable of providing equipment and service quickly and efficiently.
