

Form 1. Individual Project Proposal Descriptions and Justification

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Project Title: Portable Communications Program Area: Ledyard Fire Company

Project Description:

The Ledyard Fire Company has experienced a surge in membership due to aggressive recruiting this year. We have no current stock of necessary portable radios and alerting pagers to put these new firefighters into service, which directly affects operations and subsequent member retention.

Portable radios are an essential element of Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and are required for all aspects of fire department operations. Fire Department Standard Operating Policies require the use of portable radios at all emergency incidents. Portable radios are absolutely necessary to prevent injury and/or death of fire department members in the line of duty. A portable radio is essential equipment for members entering a burning building and is their only life line to the outside. Radios allow for emergency distress calls when firefighters become injured or trapped and therefore have been an integral part of the fire service for many years.

Pagers enable members of the Fire Department to be alerted to calls for service. Without fire service pagers, members would be unaware of calls, reducing manpower turnout at incidents.

Both a portable radio and a pager are assigned to each active member of the department. With aggressive recruiting this year, our ranks have swollen to a level not budgeted for in the previous year. To fully realize the potential of these new volunteers, these equipment is necessary.

Evaluation Category: RPH

Planning Context:

None.

Schedule:

The entire requested amount will allow the fire department to procure 10 portable radios and 10 pagers for newly recruited members.

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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: \$14,000

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:

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.

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