



ARPA-47

ARP Application - Jefferson County

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Applicant

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Internal Section

STEP ONE

Please select the date for the Commission Meeting before completing the approval step

Commission Meeting Date

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STEP TWO

Please select decision, award amount (if approved) and additional comments (to be included in rejection letter)

Decision

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Award Amount

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Additional Conditions

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Certification

PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

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08/18/2022

Click here for more information
(<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>)

Contact Information

Organization Name

Middleway Volunteer Fire Company, Inc

Address

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Website (if applicable)

middlewayvfc.org

Phone Number

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Email Address

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Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal

We request funding to replace the failing mobile and portable radios used by Middleway VFC and the JCESA members.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

Communication with the dispatch center as well as other responders is essential for a safe and effective emergency response. Unreliable radio equipment jeopardizes the safety of our responders and the outcome of emergency operations as well as patients.

3. Individuals or communities served

All residents and guests to Jefferson County.

4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request

Increased decontamination, exposure to chemicals and atypical use and conditions, along with increased use have taken a negative toll on our mobile and portable radios, hastening the end to their useful life.

5. Amount of funding requested

259,480.01

6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

259,480.01

7a. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

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7b. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

NA

8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used

To fund the needed radio equipment. Specifically 39 portable radios and 8 mobile radios, batteries and needed accessories

9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

The projected upgrade time is 3-6 month from the date of the award of funds.

Proposal Details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address

The life of our portable and mobile radios has been shortened by the conditions they have been subjected to as a result of the pandemic. We are experiencing failures and broken components and many parts are no longer available for our radios due to them being discontinued years ago. The reliability of our equipment is questionable. Radios are often the lifeline between responders in dangerous environments and outside resources they may need to stay alive, or prevent the loss of life of a citizen

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

Our goal is to replace 39 portable radios and 8 mobile radios, along with chargers and other necessary accessories, to ensure that our responders have reliable communication equipment for their mission of saving lives and protecting property.

3. Please provide your project timeline

The order of this equipment will be placed immediatly upon funding. We anticipate delivery of the equipment approximately 6-12 weeks after the order is placed. Upon Delivery, we will work with the ECC to program and assist with the installation of equipment. We expect the entire project to be completed in 3-6 months, but this is dependent upon the manufacturers delivery time and the time needed by the ECC to program the equipment once received.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.

259408.01

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

Richard Hann from the ECC has helped up in identifying the appropriate equipment and communicating with the vendor to ensure the quotation is accurate and an order based on that quote will completely satisfy the needs of this project.

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Upgrades to the entire lot of radio equipmentare not frequent occurances. This will mark the 2nd such upgrade during the existance of the MVFC. There is no anticipated increases in cost to maintain the replacement equipment and, in fact, we anticipate a decrease in maintenance and repair costs for radio equipment as a result of this project.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

The Middleway VFC strives to respond in a timely manner to residents and guests of Jeffeson County to protect life and property to the best of our ability.

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities

The Middleway Volunteer Fire Company is the newest of the fire and EMS companies in Jefferson County. We were organized in 2008 and went in service in a small garage in Middleway with 2 older fire engines. In 2010 we worked towards brining EMS service to the western part of the county to reduce response times to persons in need of EMS servic. In 2012 we moved into our current station in Middleway and completed the final phase of our building in 2016. Since the first year in service we have increase our call volume annually from just over 100 in our first year to a projected 800 2022. Many of thes calls are EMS where we pride ourselves as excelling in our service to the community. While we do not have any county staffing we have used ambulance billing and the operation of our bingo program to hire a provider to operate our ambulance 24/7 and regularly we have an MVFC member to complete the crew allowing the responders from town to remain in town for other calls. We also find our staff often responding to other areas of Jefferson County for both EMS and fire responses. We host a variety fire and EMS classes at our station to help advance both our members as well as members from other fire companies and the JCESA as well as providing public education in schools and other community locations to promote fire safety.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

We have many significant accomplishment but one of the best was when Julie Smith Johsnton replied to one of the comments about Middleway VFC no longer having an ambulance at our station under a new county plan. She replied that "she sleeps better at night knowing we have an ambulance close to her as she is a cardiac patient". I was greatly pleased to see her post as we have not hear from her in several years. I quickly knew who she was and we have wondered about her and even if she was still alive as we use to run frequent calls to her several years ago when she was having heart attacks. We ran her enough times that we actually had a briefing about her and her severe cardiac condition knowing how important being quick to get there and on our A game when we got there was to her survival.

On New Years Eve several years ago we got a call for a suicide attempt and structure fire at the same residence, Our quick response with both fire and EMS as well as radio system to communicate the location of the patient who ran to after setting himself on fire in the house we were able to save the house and the patient.

We have trained many firefighters and EMS providers who have gone on to provide for our community as well as begin careers in Fire and EMS, some of which have remained in Jeffeson County as ESA employees.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:


Chief Mike Mood
President Steve Chamblin
Asst Chief Steve Harris
Vice President and Fire Capt Justin Breeden
Fire Lt Dan Malamas
Treasurer Brenda Chamblin
Secretary Rose Defibaugh
Director Evan Vance

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:


Chief Mike Mood has reviewed our current inventory and placement of radio equipment. I worked with Richard Hann, Dispatch Supervisor at the ECC to determine the need, appropriate equipment and obtain a price quote from the vendor based on the WV contract. Hann was instrumental in ensuring the accuracy of the technical specifications, communicating with the vendor, and making sure an order placed on this quote will completely satisfy the needs of this project

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:


Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year

 StatementofActivity 2022 as of 8-18-2022 (1).pdf
Uploaded by Mike Mood on Aug 18, 2022 at 9:49 pm


Two years of audited financial statements

 StatementofActivity 2021.pdf
Uploaded by Mike Mood on Aug 18, 2022 at 9:49 pm

Current operating budget

 MVFC 2022 Budget.docx
Uploaded by Mike Mood on Aug 18, 2022 at 9:53 pm

If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant

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7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Jefferson County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

The Middleway VFC recieves funding from the state of WV Fire Marshal's office inthe amount of aprox \$45,000 per year and Jefferson County in the amount of \$70,000 as well as ambulance billing and fundraising bingo.

8. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

N/A

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request.

One of the many impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic has been the acceleration in the demise of our radio equipment. These electronics have found themselves being carried and worn under various types of PPE, exposing them to heat and moisture for longer periods of time and more often than usual, and condensation build up. None of these things is healthy for electronics. Being actually or possibly exposed to the virus, the radios required frequent and harsh disinfection often involving alcohol and other chemicals either in liquid form, directly or applied via a cloth or other device, or via disinfecting fogging system. This likely contributed to the degridtion of the materiels and components we are experiencing, resulting in failure. By limiting face to face contact in any area possible, this meant relying on electronic devices and communication equipment more to communicate than previously. Additionally, JULY of 2021 saw the highest call volume on record for fire/ EMS in Jefferson County and wasimmediately topped in August of 2021. This corrilates to the rise of the Delta Variant.

2. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Reliable radio equipment allows us to better fulfill our mission of saving lives and property while also helpint maintain the safety of the first responders who depend on this equipment. The replacement of this equipment will not only offset the negative impact of the pandamic hastening the end of our radio equipment's useful life, but will also better prepare us to meet thedemands of the additional spikes or variants that may arise in the coming weeks, months or years.

3. Are you requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19

No

Supplementary Information


1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference.

Kery Swope, kswope@albrightcpa.com (mailto:kswope@albrightcpa.com) 301-739-5300

2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc) which you feel will be essential to the County’s review.

QUOTE- Middleway VFD APX Equipment Quote 8-17-2022.pdf
Uploaded by Mike Mood on Aug 18, 2022 at 10:14 pm





Attachments

StatementofActivity 2020.pdf
Uploaded by Mike Mood on Aug 18, 2022 at 10:15 pm

History

Date	Activity
Aug 18, 2022 at 8:11 pm	Mike Mood started a draft of Record ARPA-47
Aug 18, 2022 at 10:15 pm	Mike Mood added attachment StatementofActivity 2020.pdf to Record ARPA-47
Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	Mike Mood submitted Record ARPA-47
Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	approval step Application Reviewwas assigned to Michelle Gordon on Record ARPA-47
Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	changed the deadline to Aug 20, 2022 on approval step Application Review on Record ARPA-47

Timeline

Label	Status	Activated	Completed	Assignee	Due Date
 Request Letter of Acknowledgement	Issued	Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	-	-
 Application Review	Active	Aug 18, 2022 at 10:16 pm	-	Michelle Gordon	08/19/2022
 Commission Meeting	Inactive	-	-	-	-
 Meeting Finished Yes/No	Inactive	-	-	-	-