

ORDINANCE NO. 01-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS, TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF ALL ASSETS FROM THE HIDDEN VALLEY-HIGHLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS:

1. The City of Highland, Arkansas has agreed to accept the transfer of all assets of the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department to assist in the establishment of a City Volunteer Fire Department. The transfer of the assets of the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department are made on the following Terms and Conditions:

A. The City of Highland shall pay in full the balance owed on the fire truck currently used by the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department. The approximate balance to be paid is Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. Any amount greater than the amount authorized in this Ordinance must be approved by a vote of the City Council.

B. The Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department will transfer all of its equipment and its lease on the Fire Department's existing building to the City of Highland. A list of all the equipment to be transferred to the City of Highland will be provided by the Hidden Valley-Highland Fire Department, and such list shall be incorporated by reference into this Ordinance.

C. The City of Highland will not be responsible for any other indebtedness incurred by the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department prior to the date of the official transfer of the Fire Department's equipment. The City of Highland does agree that it will continue to pay all monthly utilities through the end of the calendar year of 2001.

D. All Act 833 monies and any grants held by the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department will be transferred to the City of Highland at the time all other assets are transferred. In the event any future funds are received either as Act 833 monies or grants, these funds will also be paid directly to the City of Highland.

E. The City of Highland hereby agrees to provide up to Twenty Two Thousand Dollars as a budget for the continuation of the operation of the City Fire Department through the end of the calendar year 2001. After such time, all funds available for the City Volunteer Fire Department must be established by a budget approved by the City Council.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Recorder to execute whatever legal documents necessary to transfer the assets of the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department to the City of Highland. Said authorization is hereby approved without any further vote of the City Council.

3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Whereas, the citizens of the City of Highland, Arkansas, are in need for the continuation of Fire Protection as has been provided by the Hidden Valley-Highland Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years: Therefore an

emergency is hereby declared and this Ordinance is adopted being necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety and shall be in full force in effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed & approved this 23rd day of October, 2001

CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS

By: *David Shackelford 10-23-01*
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: *Carol Feolow*
City Recorder



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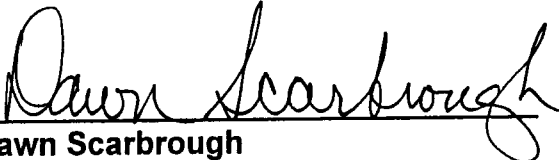
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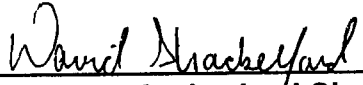
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Fire Dept Authorized Signer

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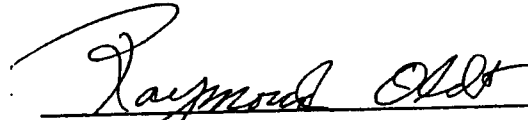
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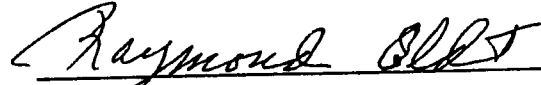
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BE IT RESOLVED.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary

Contact Information

Application **18%** complete

In addition to yourself, please provide 2 additional points of contact for this application. Between all of the contact information gathered, 1 set of contact information should be for the Fire Chief.

Note: Fields marked with an * are required.

Alternate Contact Information Number 1

* Title	<input type="text" value="Fire Chief"/>		
Salutation	<input type="text" value="Mr."/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select N/A if not applicable		
* First Name	<input type="text" value="Tim"/>		
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>		
* Last Name	<input type="text" value="Eash"/>		
* Day Phone	<input type="text" value="1-870-856-2814"/> (e.g. 123-456-7890)	Ext.	<input type="text"/>
* Evening Phone	<input type="text" value="1-870-856-4474"/> (e.g. 123-456-7890)	Ext.	<input type="text"/>
Cell Phone	<input type="text" value="1-870-710-7925"/> (e.g. 123-456-7890)		
Fax	<input type="text"/> (e.g. 123-456-7890)		
Email	<input type="text" value="timeash@centurytel.net"/> (e.g. user@xyz.org)		

Alternate Contact Information Number 2

* Title	<input type="text" value="Logistic Coordinator/Firefight"/>		
Salutation	<input type="text" value="Ms."/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select N/A if not applicable		
* First Name	<input type="text" value="Nancy"/>		
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>		
* Last Name	<input type="text" value="Fulmer"/>		
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Email	<input type="text" value="ndrealhonor@hotmail.com"/> (e.g. user@xyz.org)		

Narrative Statement

Application 18% complete

In the program narrative, please explain how the funds provided will be spent. The program narrative must demonstrate the financial need for the assistance and how the costs expended under this program will benefit the firefighters' and/or public's safety. This will be a major part of the evaluation process of the grant application.

Please ensure that your narrative clearly addresses each of the following areas to the best of your ability. Follow the sequence and specifically identify which area is being addressed:

- the project that you are requesting to be funded
- how you plan to use the grant funds for each major budget activity as listed on the budget form
- why this program would be beneficial to your community and/or to your department
- why this project cannot be funded solely through local funding and
- any additional relevant information that you would like us to consider when evaluating your application

Your narrative should be detailed but concise. Your narrative may **not** exceed **five** pages of text. You may either type your project narrative in the space provided below or create the text in your word processing system and then copy it into the space provided below. Images and attachments are **not** allowed.

Project Description

Please provide your narrative statement in the space provided below:

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If you received a grant award in the 2001 process, does your current request relate to your 2001 award? Yes No

If you answered yes, above, which of the following apply?

- This request enhances the 2001 award
- This request continues the 2001 award
- This request completes the 2001 award

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Narrative for FEMA Grant

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Thank you for the consideration and review of our application.

Sincerely,

~~Hidden Valley~~ Highland Fire Department

Public Relations Coordinator

~~LaDonna Bailey~~

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November 22, 2002

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Mr. Tim Eash
Highland Volunteer Fire Department
1662 Hwy. 62/412
Hardy, Arkansas 72542

*Nov 18
12-10-02*

Dear Tim:

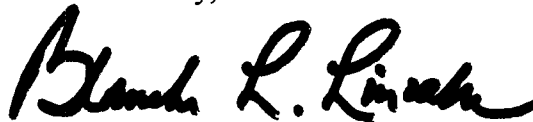
I am writing to congratulate you and the Highland Volunteer Fire Department on recently receiving a grant of \$77,490 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. I am pleased that this funding will enable you to enhance firefighter safety and improve the department's operations.

While you have already been successful in securing federal resources for meeting this specific need, I recognize that our rural volunteer fire departments need additional funding to obtain essential equipment and training. Please know I am here to assist you in any way possible. By working together and utilizing every available resource, we can improve the quality of life in our state.

If you have not visited my web site, <http://www.senate.gov/~lincoln/html/grants.html>, I encourage you to do so. You will find information on locating resources, completing applications, and obtaining technical assistance. I have also listed web links to important sites dealing with private grants, as well as federal grants.

Again, congratulations on the grant. If you should have any questions about this award or future funding, do not hesitate to call me or my assistant Brandon McBride at 202-224-4843.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln

BLL/bm



*Henry Free
Walk 3-1-02*

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February 8, 2002

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We look forward to working with you in the implementation of your drug and alcohol testing program.

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Bobby E. Sims
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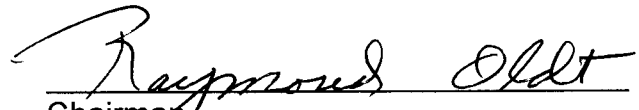
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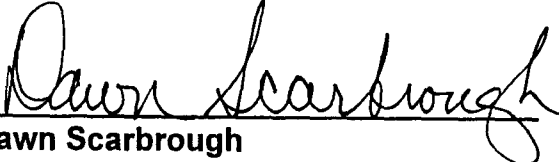
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- *Assist* client in compliance with U.S. DOT required drug and alcohol testing or with company policy
- *Establish* the needed relationship with nationally certified MROs (Medical Review Officers) for interpretation of test results
- *Collect* specimen in-office, on-site, or world-wide through a network of 5,200 service provider organizations
- *Provide* 24-hour availability of specimen collectors and breath alcohol technicians for post-accident testing
- *Report* test results electronically
- *Monitor* the turn-around-time for test results from the laboratory and MRO
- *Submit* certified "blind specimen" for quality assurance monitoring of the laboratory
- *Conduct* educational programs and supervisory training
- *Maintain* random database and computer generate employee names for testing
- *Network* with physicians for DOT and non-DOT physical examinations in-house or on-site

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Mr. Tim Eash
Highland Volunteer Fire Department
1662 Hwy. 62/412
Hardy, Arkansas 72542

12-10-02

Dear Tim:

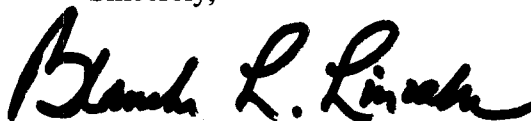
I am writing to congratulate you and the Highland Volunteer Fire Department on recently receiving a grant of \$77,490 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. I am pleased that this funding will enable you to enhance firefighter safety and improve the department's operations.

While you have already been successful in securing federal resources for meeting this specific need, I recognize that our rural volunteer fire departments need additional funding to obtain essential equipment and training. Please know I am here to assist you in any way possible. By working together and utilizing every available resource, we can improve the quality of life in our state.

If you have not visited my web site, <http://www.senate.gov/~lincoln/html/grants.html>, I encourage you to do so. You will find information on locating resources, completing applications, and obtaining technical assistance. I have also listed web links to important sites dealing with private grants, as well as federal grants.

Again, congratulations on the grant. If you should have any questions about this award or future funding, do not hesitate to call me or my assistant Brandon McBride at 202-224-4843.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln

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Contact Information

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In addition to yourself, please provide 2 additional points of contact for this application. Between all of the contact information gathered, 1 set of contact information should be for the Fire Chief.

Note: Fields marked with an * are required.

Alternate Contact Information Number 1

* Title

Salutation Select N/A if not applicable

* First Name

Middle Initial

* Last Name

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Alternate Contact Information Number 2

* Title

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Narrative Statement

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In the program narrative, please explain how the funds provided will be spent. The program narrative must demonstrate the financial need for the assistance and how the costs expended under this program will benefit the firefighters' and/or public's safety. This will be a major part of the evaluation process of the grant application.

Please ensure that your narrative clearly addresses each of the following areas to the best of your ability. Follow the sequence and specifically identify which area is being addressed:

- the project that you are requesting to be funded
- how you plan to use the grant funds for each major budget activity as listed on the budget form
- why this program would be beneficial to your community and/or to your department
- why this project cannot be funded solely through local funding and
- any additional relevant information that you would like us to consider when evaluating your application

Your narrative should be detailed but concise. Your narrative may **not** exceed **five** pages of text. You may either type your project narrative in the space provided below or create the text in your word processing system and then copy it into the space provided below. Images and attachments are **not** allowed.

Project Description

Please provide your narrative statement in the space provided below:

Our Rural Fire Department is requesting consideration for the matching grant to fund twenty-five full sets of turnouts with self-contained breathing apparatuses. Our rural department is operating on less than two percent of needed turnouts and breathing equipment. We have twenty-five volunteer firefighters with only three full sets of used [ten years plus old] turnouts. None of the three sets meet the requirements of NFPA or OSHA. Numerous times we have fought fires in our street clothes. We have pulled our members out of burning structures due to no turnouts or self-contained breathing apparatuses available for our rural department members, thus hampering our department hero's abilities to do their jobs safely and effectively.

Our rural fire department is located in North Central Arkansas in the Ozark Mountains. Our fire coverage is a total of twenty-five square miles. We have two ten zones areas that we provide additional coverage too. These

If you received a grant award in the 2001 process, does your current request relate to your 2001 award? Yes No

If you answered yes, above, which of the following apply?

- This request enhances the 2001 award
- This request continues the 2001 award
- This request completes the 2001 award

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