

Request: \$10,000,000 to construct a City of Los Banos Fire Station, Emergency Operations Center and Regional Training Facility.

Description: Los Banos is located in western Merced County, is 10 Square miles in size, and has a population of over 40,000 residents.

The Los Banos Fire Department (LBFD) operates on a three (3)-shift platoon system from two fire stations located within the City Limits. The Los Banos Fire Department is currently in construction of one 4-story training tower that is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2021. There are 18 paid personnel including 16 shift personnel, a Fire Chief and an Assistant Fire Chief. There are also 20-25 volunteer personnel who will respond to the station to staff additional apparatus when needed.



LBFD is seeking to build a third station which will allow for improved response times to the southern and eastern parts of the City. The facility will also serve as an Emergency Operations Center and Regional Training Facility. Training will provide local and regional emergency personnel with the knowledge and skills to better serve the City of Los Banos, Merced County and the State. The new facility would require design and construction, access, utilities improvements, ADA compliance, landscaping and additional parking. The City of Los Banos is very appreciative for receiving State funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 in 2019 to assist in adding a third station with facilities capable of properly housing additional resources, and capable of providing an up-to-date Emergency Operations Center and Regional Training Facility. This funding will go a long way in getting this project to come to reality. However, in order for this to be a completed project, additional funding is being requested due to increasing construction costs. **Total cost estimated at \$15,136,201.**

Necessity: The addition of a third Fire Station was recommended as a result of a strategic plan done for the Fire Department in 2018 to reduce the travel response times identified in the southern and eastern sections of the City. Travel time is a measurable time segment that begins when the apparatus and personnel begin the response and ends once on location of the emergency and LBFD's current travel times well exceed the industry standard of four minutes in these parts of Los Banos.

A third Fire Station will improve the travel times to south and east Los Banos that are currently beyond the 5.12-minutes' drive times. A new station will also improve the overall operations of the Los Banos Fire Department by adding more resources and personnel ready to respond to emergencies.

Beneficiaries:

- Residents and businesses of the City of Los Banos
- Merced County residents and businesses
- Regional Public Agencies
- State of California

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