

Request: The Livingston Fire Department (LFD) is seeking funding for additional firefighter staffing, upgrades to equipment, and to replace fire apparatus. Resources are also being sought for fire prevention programs, emergency preparedness, and firefighter education and training.

Description: Currently, the Merced County Fire Department contracts with Cal Fire to provide the Livingston Fire Department with a Battalion Chief and Captain. The City employs one firefighter and the department is augmented by 20 volunteer firefighters. The station's fire apparatus includes: a city engine, brush truck, and a 55' ladder truck. The LFD operates out of the City-owned 70-year-old fire station.



Request:

\$500,000 for 2.5 FTE firefighters, training, equipment and fire prevention education for local school children.

\$1,200,000 for a new 100-foot ladder truck

Necessity: The LFD responds to an increasing number of calls within a service area of 20,000 people in residential, school, commercial and industrial neighborhoods. Currently, LFD employs only one full-time firefighter, well below industry standard levels. An additional two full-time firefighters and 1 part-time firefighter would bring the department up to standard staffing levels

allowing for regular 48-hour shift rotations. Fire vehicle equipment is also outdated. The last city engine was purchased 18 years ago in 2001. The 55' ladder truck is inadequate to respond to fire suppression calls in buildings reaching three or more floors in height; a new 100-foot ladder truck would address this deficiency. Additionally, LFD is in need of equipment upgrades vital to fire suppression operations including turnout gear, hand tools, and medical aid equipment along with associated funding for training and education. The LFD is also seeking resources to double the hours spent educating local school children and families about crucial fire safety and prevention activities.

Beneficiaries:

- City of Livingston
- Merced County
- State, County and City fire personnel
- Volunteer Firefighters
- State of California

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