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Fire Department

Bryan S. Bailey, Fire Chief

Greenville County Council
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601

August 11, 2022

To Greenville County Council,

The Lake Cunningham Fire District is requesting an increase of its current millage rate from 35.5 to 37.2 mils, an increase of 1.7 mils. This increase will return the department to its pre-rollback rate.

The department is currently under the same constraints as many other districts. The increase in inflation has placed a burden on our budget and our personnel. This increase is intended to maintain our ISO rating, as well as allow the department to continue its capital replacement plan. It will also allow the department to increase its personnel back to the original 33 firefighters which was decreased in 2020 due to competitiveness within the fire service industry. The decrease allowed the department to become more competitive by distributing the savings to the current cadre of firefighters. In order for the department to continue its ISO rating of 2/2Y, we need to replace the former 3 positions which were removed.

The Lake Cunningham Board of Fire Control voted unanimously on August 11, 2022 at a regular board meeting for this increase.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Fire Chief, Bryan Bailey at 864-906-7067 or via email at bbailey@LCFD.us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Dean Cannon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

R. Dean Cannon, Chairman
Lake Cunningham Fire District.



Fire District Millage Request Application

Contact Information

District Name: Lake Cunningham Fire Distrcit State FDID Number 23314
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Financial Operations

Please Check One of the Following Options:

- Our district is seeking to maintain our current millage rate
- Our district is seeking a millage rate increase
- Our district is seeking bond approval

FD Annual Budget \$3,351,000.00 Value of One Mill \$90,275.00
FD Current Millage Rate 35.5 Value of Total Millage \$3,204762.50
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$3,351,492
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) Interest and City Contract \$53,000.00
Number of Paid Firefighters 31 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 5

***For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.)***

Debt Service \$0.00
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$3,351,000.00
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$1,373,000.00
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 10/21
Was your request granted? Yes

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)
The millage rate increase allowed the department to maintain its current level of employment after eliminating 3 positions in 2020. The increase assisted the department with covering employee salary and benefit costs. Most notably, the cost of insurance and retirement have increased and, will continue to increase. Other operating expenses such as acquisition of equipment and maintenance of apparatus have also increased. These increases, along with the current inflation rates, have required the department to request a millage increase for 2022.

Performance Data

ISO Rating 2/2Y

Year Rating Received 2019

Population Served (daytime) 31,000

Population Served (nighttime) 40,800

Number of Households 13,090

Number of Businesses 197

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 2082 _____

Number of Structure Fires 30

Number of MVA's 172

Number of Medical Calls 1244

Number of Brush Fires 75

Number of Vehicle Fires 10

Number of Mutual Aid Calls 49

Other type calls 502

*For the following questions, please circle or highlight "Y" for Yes or "N" for No.
(Any additional pertinent information may be provided in a separate sheet.)*

- Is your district registered with the State Firefighter Mobilization? Y / N
- Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System? Y / N
- Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act? Y / N
- Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel? Y / N
- Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements? Y / N
- Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard? Y / N
- Does your district meet all NIMS requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a fire prevention program? Y / N
- Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program? Y / N
- Does your district have a pre-fire plan program? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements? Y / N
- Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements? Y / N
- Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus? Y / N
- Does your district provide physicals to all members? Y / N
- Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles? Y / N
- Does your district meet minimum communication requirements? Y / N
- Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements? Y / N
- Does your district house an EMS vehicle? Y / N

For the following questions, please provide the more detailed information necessary to understand the complexities for your district. You may attach separate sheets as necessary to fully answer the questions.

1. Please describe any businesses or structures which require special equipment or represent potentially dangerous calls.
The Lake Cunningham Fire District covers multiple potentially dangerous locations within its district. One location is the Hansen Rock Quarry which requires the training and use of specialized equipment in order to reach both an occupant in confined or high-angle locations. The depth of the quarry is over 400 feet from street level, plus the types of vehicles and equipment utilized by the quarry are large in size compared to our own vehicles. A second such location is the Greenville County Sherriff's Office Training Center. The center houses a building with an abundance of live ammunition and weapons for use during training and tactical events for the GCSO. Third, the Greer Water Treatment plant is also responded to by this agency. This location stores deadly and caustic solutions for the treatment of water purification. Finally, although not in our district, the Lake Cunningham FD surrounds the two largest bodies of water in Greenville County, Lakes Robinson and Cunningham. Our aid agreement with the City of Greer requires the specialized training of our personnel in advances water rescue and boat operations. Beginning in 2021, the Commission of Public works started to allow recreational swimming in the lakes, which has already led to additional call volume on the two bodies of water.

2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts. The Lake Cunningham Fire District has Automatic Mutual aid with all of our surrounding fire districts, including those in Spartanburg County. These districts are Gowensville, Glassy Mountain, Tigerville, N Greenville, Piedmont Park, Taylors, City of Greer, Tyger River, and Holly Springs. We are members of the Greenville County Mutual Aid Agreement and the South Carolina Mutual Aid Agreement. The LCFD is available at aby time for mutual aid as requested.

3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.
The LCFD, in order to remain more competitive, had to reduce its number of employees per shift from 11 to 10. The funding realized by a reduction in employees was distributed amongst the remaining employees in order to increase salary levels for retention. Most of this request will be utilized to return the department back to full staffing levels. Without the increase, the departments Class 2 rating may fall with the reduction of personnel form the previous ISO rating. Plus, the capital improvement plan for the replacement of apparatus will not be obtained.

4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.
LCFD has 31 religious organizations, 2 high schools (Blue Ridge HS * Greer Middle Charter HS), 1 middle school (Blue Ridge Middle School), 1 elementary school (Skyland Elementary), and 1 Greenville Tech campus (Benson). Plus, the O'Neal Camp transfer station and County Roads & Bridges site, plus the Greenville County Sherriff's Office Training Center are all located within our district. The department provides the same services to these entities, along with fire prevention and fire safety program, as well as public education when required or requested.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: _____ **Priority_1** _____

Priority 1: Without the increase, we cannot continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively. The need is dire.

Priority 2: Without the increase, we cannot purchase needed equipment to improve the level of service we are currently giving. ISO ratings may or may not be improved. This priority level also allows for needed specialty equipment to be acquired.

Priority 3: Without the increase, we can continue to provide excellent service to our district, but the increase will allow us to improve our operation in an exemplary way. ISO ratings may potentially be improved.

Opportunity for Council person(s) statement:

I, _____, County Council representative to this fire district, **Support / Do Not Support** this request.

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Please include with your application the following documents:

- A formal letter from the Commission stating the intentions to either maintain or increase millage;
- Last year's financial audit;
- A five-year plan (spreadsheet) showing projected revenues as well as operating and capital expenditures;
- Any background information necessary to justify the need of a millage increase; and
- A signed resolution from the governing body approving the operating/capital plan and millage increase.

All applications should be mailed or emailed to:
Greenville County Finance Committee
Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400
Greenville, SC 29601

or

jhansley@greenvillecounty.org

Lake Cunningham Fire District

5-Year Budget Plan

Fiscal Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Income					
Millage Rate	35.5	37.2	38.2	39.2	40.2
501 - Income					
501-101 Property Tax	3,298,000	3,628,741	3,726,288	3,823,834	3,921,381
501-102 Greer Contract	43,000	-	-	-	-
501-103 Interest	10,000	9,000	8,000	7,000	6,000
501-105 Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
501-106 Other	-	-	-	-	-
501 Total Income	3,351,000	3,637,741	3,734,288	3,830,834	3,927,381
Expenses					
750 - Personnel					
750-100 Wages	1,584,052	1,734,051	1,786,073	1,875,376	1,969,145
750-103 - SC Retirement	324,788	350,972	368,521	386,947	406,294
750-104 FICA	123,475	26,849	28,192	29,601	31,082
750-105 Unemployment	10,000	10,000	10,001	10,002	10,003
750-107 Overtime	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
750-109 Health Insurance	588,678	618,112	649,017	681,468	715,542
750-110 Workers Comp	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
750-111 Employee Medical	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
750 - Personnel Total	2,770,993	2,879,985	2,981,804	3,123,395	3,272,066
760 - Buildings & Grounds					
760-101 Building Maintenance	60,000	100,000	100,000	65,000	65,000
760-110 Utilities	32,000	33,600	35,280	37,044	38,896

750 Buildings & Grounds Total	92,000	133,600	135,280	102,044	103,896
770-Supplies & Services					
770-101 General Supplies	15,000	15,750	16,538	17,364	18,233
770-103 Office Supplies	10,200	10,710	11,246	11,808	12,398
770-104 Legal Services	1,000	1,050	1,103	1,158	1,216
770-106 Accountant	8,000	11,750	12,338	12,954	13,602
770-107 Service Contracts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
770-Supplies & Services Total	35,200	40,260	42,223	44,284	46,448
780 - Training					
780-101 - Registrations	22,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
780-106 SPD	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
780 - Training Total	25,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
790 - Fire Equipment					
790-101 SCBA Repair	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
790-102 Fire Hose	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
790-103 Portable Equipment	15,971	16,770	17,608	18,488	19,413
790-104 Fire Extinguishers	816	800	800	800	800
790-105 Protective Clothing	55,850	57,526	59,251	61,029	62,860
790-106 Misc Equipment	54,200	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
790-107 Fire Hydrants	500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
790-108 Medical Supplies	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
790 - Fire Equipment Total	144,337	131,326	134,651	138,189	141,956
800 Vehicle Maintenance					
800-101 Fuel	40,000	42,000	44,100	46,305	48,620
800-104 Vehicle Maintenance	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
800-106 Tools	5,000	5,000	3,000	5,000	3,000
800-108 Ladder & Aerial Testing	1,600	1,680	1,764	1,852	1,945

800 Vehicle Maintenance Total	86,600	98,680	98,864	103,157	103,565
810 Communication Equipment					
810-101 Audio Visual	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
810-105 PC Upgrade/Repairs/IT	21,120	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
810-103 Radios & Repairs	48,632	15,000	15,750	16,538	17,364
810 Communication Equipment Total	71,752	37,000	38,750	40,588	42,517
820 Miscellaneous Expense					
820-101 Misc Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
820-103 Fire Prevention	2,847	2,989	3,139	3,296	3,461
820-104 Firefighter Entertainment	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
820 Miscellaneous Expense Total	12,347	12,489	12,639	12,796	12,961
830 Insurance					
830-101 Building & Contents	19,306	20,271	21,285	22,349	23,466
830 Insurance Total	19,306	20,271	21,285	22,349	23,466
840 Dues & Publications					
840-101 Misc Dues	10,120	10,120	10,120	10,120	10,120
840 Dues & Publications Total	10,120	10,120	10,120	10,120	10,120
850 Uniforms					
850-101 Uniforms	25,457	25,000	26,250	27,563	28,941
850 Uniforms - Total	25,457	25,000	26,250	27,563	28,941
860 - Capital Budget					
860-111 Other Purchases	21,000	-	-	-	-
860-113 Captial Expenditures	26,888	600,000	350,000	700,000	-
860-115 Commissioner Special Projects	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
860 - Capital Budget Total	57,888	610,000	360,000	710,000	10,000
Total Expenses	3,351,000	4,026,731	3,889,866	4,362,484	3,823,936
Net Income	0	(388,990)	(155,578)	(531,650)	103,446