



**Fire District Millage Request Application**  
**Contact Information**

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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, lease purchase transaction approval

FD Annual Budget \$5,926,278.00 Value of One Mill \$127,470  
FD Current Millage Rate 40.1 Operating/ 1.5 DS Value of Total Millage \$5,111,547  
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$6,715,272.00 (\* District Fiscal Year Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021)  
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$68,512.00

**Staffing**

Deployable:  
Number of Paid Firefighters 63 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 0  
Non-Deployable:  
Number of Administrative Staff 1 Communications 7

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

Debt Service 2013 Truck Lease \$78,784.20/Balance \$152,405.64; 2021 Truck Lease \$121,709.64/ Balance \$758,139.92,  
GO Bond - \$162,588.00

(Include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$5,725,783.97  
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$760,794.34  
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2020  
Was your request granted? Yes

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)  
We have achieved replacing two fire engines, one heavy rescue and one ladder truck. We have increased salaries 9% within the last two years.

**Performance Data**

ISO Rating <u>2/2Y</u>	Year Rating Received <u>2017</u>
Population Served (daytime) <u>100,000</u>	Population Served (nighttime) <u>80,000</u>
Number of Households <u>10,500</u>	Number of Businesses <u>385</u>
Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) <u>3232 (2021)</u>	
Number of Structure Fires <u>77</u>	Number of MVA's <u>301</u>
Number of Medical Calls <u>1,831</u>	Number of Brush Fires <u>67</u>
Number of Vehicle Fires <u>27</u>	Number of Public Service Calls <u>420</u>
Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent <u>129</u>	Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd <u>38</u>
Number of Hazmat Calls <u>39</u>	Number of Rescue Calls <u>9</u>

*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.

We currently have the following large industries in our Fire District: Michelin Tire Corporation, Drive Automotive, Roy Metals, GE Aviation, JTEKT, 80% of Augusta Grove Business Park, Willimon Business Park and will cover the new South Greenville Enterprise Park, as well as the Upstate Trade Center.

2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts.

We participate in both the County and State Mutual Aid Agreements. We currently are dispatching all responses for South Greenville Fire District, Gantt Fire District and Piedmont Fire District. We have Automatic Aid Agreements with Belmont Fire Department, Dunklin Fire Department, Canebrake Fire Department, Gantt Fire Department, Piedmont Fire Department, Fountain Inn Fire Department, Simpsonville Fire Department, Mauldin Fire Department, Anderson County Fire Department, Belton Fire Department and Honea Path Fire Department. We support the Donaldson Career Center Firefighting Program with a donation of a fire truck and other firefighting equipment. We participate in the Co-Op Program with Donaldson Career Center and Golden Strip Career Center to allow their students to job shadow at our department. We support the Greenville County ERT with our personnel and house equipment for them.

3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.

This millage increase will allow us to increase our current staffing levels and increase our salary schedule. We are approximately 25% behind the average of salaries for other fire departments in Greenville County. This millage increase will allow us to retain employees that we have hired and trained, instead of losing them to other agencies after their training. This millage increase will also give us the ability to continue our Capital Improvement Plan (see attached) that will allow us to maintain our current ISO rating of 2/2Y

4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.

We provide Fire Protection for five (5) Greenville County Schools, Riley Child Development Center and Greenville Technical College Brashier Campus. We have 46 churches in our Fire District. We provide Fire Prevention services to the above groups with our Fire Safety House and Fire Prevention Materials. We are also heavily involved with our local Homeowners Associations with multiple activities and Fire Prevention on an annual basis.

*Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options: Priority 2\**

**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.

(Based upon FY22 Budget W/O Revenue Impact of 6% Millage Increase)  
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 MAY 16, 2022

	Annual Δ For Projection	Projected										Projected	
		Audited 2021	Budgeted 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029			
<b>Revenues</b>													
Property Taxes		\$6,916,272	\$5,916,440	\$6,034,769	\$6,155,464	\$6,278,574	\$6,404,145	\$6,532,228	\$6,662,873	\$6,796,130			
Interest Income		\$4,137	\$2,500	\$2,560	\$2,601	\$2,653	\$2,706	\$2,760	\$2,815	\$2,872			
Dispatch Income		\$26,000	\$34,000	\$34,690	\$35,374	\$36,081	\$36,803	\$37,539	\$38,290	\$39,055			
Tower Lease Income		\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$8,395			
Extraction Income		\$11,418	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,202	\$5,305	\$5,412	\$5,520	\$5,631	\$5,743			
MDA Boot Drive Income		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Miscellaneous Income		\$19,138	\$11,550	\$11,781	\$12,017	\$12,257	\$12,502	\$12,752	\$13,007	\$13,267			
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$6,784,360</b>	<b>\$5,977,886</b>	<b>\$6,097,443</b>	<b>\$6,219,392</b>	<b>\$6,343,780</b>	<b>\$6,470,656</b>	<b>\$6,600,069</b>	<b>\$6,732,070</b>	<b>\$6,866,711</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>													
Current													
Personnel Services:													
Salaries/Wages		\$2,947,381	\$3,439,171	\$3,611,130	\$3,902,490	\$4,208,451	\$4,529,709	\$4,825,441	\$5,137,163	\$5,452,709			
Retirement		\$552,538	\$683,707	\$697,381	\$733,937	\$771,224	\$809,256	\$825,441	\$841,950	\$858,789			
Employee Benefits		\$702,009	\$743,097	\$832,268	\$973,468	\$1,131,613	\$1,308,734	\$1,508,734	\$1,730,734	\$2,008,734			
Employee Physicals		\$15,425	\$20,000	\$22,400	\$25,088	\$25,088	\$25,088	\$25,088	\$25,088	\$25,088			
Office Supplies & Expenses		\$12,012	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513	\$5,788	\$6,078	\$6,381	\$6,700	\$7,036			
Utilities		\$56,680	\$65,000	\$68,250	\$71,663	\$75,246	\$79,008	\$82,958	\$87,106	\$91,462			
Fuel		\$59,601	\$55,000	\$59,400	\$64,152	\$69,284	\$74,827	\$80,813	\$87,278	\$94,260			
Operational Equip & Expenses		\$299,740	\$353,826	\$371,517	\$390,093	\$409,598	\$430,077	\$451,581	\$474,160	\$497,868			
Training		\$15,760	\$12,500	\$13,791	\$14,470	\$15,194	\$15,954	\$16,751	\$17,589	\$18,471			
Insurance		\$14,062	\$16,000	\$16,800	\$17,640	\$18,522	\$19,448	\$20,421	\$21,442	\$22,514			
MDA Boot Drive Donations		\$159,311	\$181,693	\$196,228	\$211,927	\$228,881	\$247,191	\$266,967	\$288,324	\$311,390			
Professional Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
<b>Total Current</b>		<b>\$25,903</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>	<b>\$20,475</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>	<b>\$21,499</b>			
<b>Capital Outlay (Cross Reference CIP)</b>		<b>\$4,860,422</b>	<b>\$5,594,494</b>	<b>\$5,914,225</b>	<b>\$6,431,250</b>	<b>\$6,979,663</b>	<b>\$7,566,109</b>	<b>\$8,195,546</b>	<b>\$8,870,742</b>	<b>\$9,599,937</b>			
<b>Lease Purchase Agreements</b>													
2013 Lease Purchase		\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784	\$78,784			
2021 Lease Purchase		\$60,855	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910	\$121,910			
<b>Projected</b>													
2025		\$1,000,000											
2026		\$3,000,000											
<b>Total Lease Purchase Agreements</b>		<b>\$399,639</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>	<b>\$200,694</b>			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$5,214,011</b>	<b>\$5,940,168</b>	<b>\$6,407,419</b>	<b>\$7,286,945</b>	<b>\$7,459,073</b>	<b>\$8,036,019</b>	<b>\$8,250,456</b>	<b>\$8,323,692</b>	<b>\$8,339,791</b>			
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,570,349</b>	<b>\$37,698</b>	<b>\$309,976</b>	<b>\$1,067,652</b>	<b>\$1,115,293</b>	<b>\$1,565,364</b>	<b>\$1,650,389</b>	<b>\$1,591,582</b>	<b>\$1,473,080</b>			
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>													
Debt Millage Levy		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1			
Value of Total Mills Given Mill =		\$140,217	\$127,470	\$130,019	\$132,820	\$135,272	\$137,978	\$140,737	\$143,562	\$146,423			
Debt Service Millage		161.213	140.217	143.021	145.882	148.799	151.775	154.811	157.907	161.065			
GO Series		161.213	162.588	158.838	160.363	157.163	158.863	160.363	156.763	158.538			
<b>Net Debt Service Payable</b>		<b>161.213</b>	<b>162.588</b>	<b>158.838</b>	<b>160.363</b>	<b>157.163</b>	<b>158.863</b>	<b>160.363</b>	<b>156.763</b>	<b>158.538</b>			
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>													
Sale of Capital Assets													
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>\$1,570,349</b>	<b>\$15,327</b>	<b>\$325,792</b>	<b>\$1,082,034</b>	<b>\$1,272,456</b>	<b>\$1,724,227</b>	<b>\$1,810,751</b>	<b>\$1,748,345</b>	<b>\$1,631,618</b>			
<b>Millage Components</b>													
Operating Millage Levy		37.8	40.1	40.1	42.5	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.50			
CPI Plus Millage Adjustment		12.60%	0.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Debt Millage Levy		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1			
<b>Total Levy</b>		<b>43.7</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>			

SOUTH GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 Capital Improvement Program  
 ACTUAL RESULTS MAY VARY, SUBJECT TO REVIEW, REVISION, AND FUTURE CONDITIONS  
 May 16, 2022

DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	TOTAL
Training Facility	Capital Reserve	\$ 250,000					\$ 250,000
New Firefighting Equipment	Pay-Go	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 35,000	\$ 150,000
Chief's Vehicle	Pay-Go						\$ -
Training Facility (Property)	Pay-Go						\$ -
Rescue 80 Replacement	Lease Purchase						\$ -
Platform 80 Replacement	Lease Purchase						\$ -
	Pay-Go						\$ -
Brush 74 Replacement	Pay-Go						\$ -
Fire Marshal's Vehicle	Pay-Go	\$ 60,000					\$ 60,000
E-77	Capital Reserve	\$ 665,511					\$ 665,511
E-80A	Capital Reserve	\$ 76,102					\$ 76,102
E-80 Replacment	Capital Reserve		\$ 689,118				\$ 689,118
Brush 73 Replacement	Pay-Go		\$ 25,000				\$ 25,000
Brush 75 Replacement	Pay-Go				\$ 65,000		\$ 65,000
Battalion 73 Addition	Pay-Go			\$ 70,000			\$ 70,000
Battalion 80 Replacement	Pay-Go						\$ 70,000
Car 80 Replacement	Pay-Go		\$ 70,000				\$ 70,000
Engine 75 Replacement	Capital Reserve			\$ 800,000			\$ 800,000
ALS Response Division	Pay-Go			\$ 450,000			\$ 450,000
Quint 78	Lease Purchase				\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
Haz-Mat 78	Pay-Go				\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000
Car 80A	Pay-Go				\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000
SCBA Replacement	Capital Reserve					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
FM-80 Replacement	Pay-Go					\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Station 79	Lease Purchase					\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Water Tender 74	Capital Reserve					\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Turn Out Gear	Capital Reserve					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
	Pay-Go	\$ 60,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 490,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,136,613</b>	<b>\$ 981,618</b>	<b>\$1,455,000</b>	<b>\$1,357,500</b>	<b>\$7,225,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,155,731</b>

Capital Reserve	\$991,613	\$689,118	\$800,000	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$6,480,731
Pay-Go	\$145,000	\$292,500	\$655,000	\$357,500	\$225,000	\$1,675,000
Lease Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
	<b>\$1,136,613</b>	<b>\$981,618</b>	<b>\$1,455,000</b>	<b>\$1,357,500</b>	<b>\$7,225,000</b>	<b>\$12,155,731</b>