



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 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 any 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 from 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

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