

City of Independence

MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

DATE: October 11th, 2021

TO: Zachary Walker, City Manager

FROM: Douglas Short, Fire Chief *DS*

SUBJECT: Apparatus Funding



During the 2022-2023 Budget preparation, the Fire Department's Capital Improvement process identified the need to replace a current aerial apparatus (Quint) to not only put newer apparatus in front line, but to also provide a dependable aerial apparatus in reserve. Our current Quint is a 2013 75" Toyne aerial that is fast approaching its front-line life.

In preparation of the purchase this Fiscal Year, we had asked for a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to be added to our Public Safety Sales Tax budget in order to augment available funds for the purchase, bringing our budgeted amount to \$950,000. Due to high demand, slow builds, and increasing apparatus costs, it was determined that the apparatus that we spec'd, was going to come in at \$1,168,769, leaving us short \$218,769.

I am requesting a one-time appropriation to make up this difference so that we can get the apparatus on order, prior to further price increases. Anticipated build times are currently at 480 days after signing contract. We have the potential to recover some of these funds through sale of surplus apparatus and grant funds.

Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Attachment: H-GAC Quote
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