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Caddo Parish Commission
Attn: Commissioner Chris Kracman
505 Travis St., Suite 110
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Subject: Village of Hosston - Request funding for Police Department Vehicles and Equipment

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Hosston Police Department to respectfully request funding assistance to address critical public safety needs within our community.

Hosston is uniquely positioned at the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and Louisiana Highway 2 (East and West). These routes are part of the "Boom or Bust" highway and byways system and experience fluctuating—yet often heavy—traffic volumes. During winter weather events, U.S. Highway 71 becomes a primary north-south corridor for commercial traffic when nearby interstates are closed, resulting in a significant increase in 18-wheeler and heavy-truck traffic through our village.

This increased traffic places a substantial demand on our law enforcement officers to ensure roadway safety, respond to accidents, and enforce traffic laws. However, the Village of Hosston operates with limited financial resources. Much of the municipal budget is dedicated to maintaining essential services, particularly the water system, leaving minimal funding available for law enforcement equipment and infrastructure.

To effectively meet these public safety demands, the Village of Hosston Police Department is requesting funding for the following:

- Two used Ford Expedition Police Interceptor vehicles (model years 2018–2022) — **\$46,000**
- Two updated radar units to enhance traffic enforcement and speed monitoring — **\$8,000**

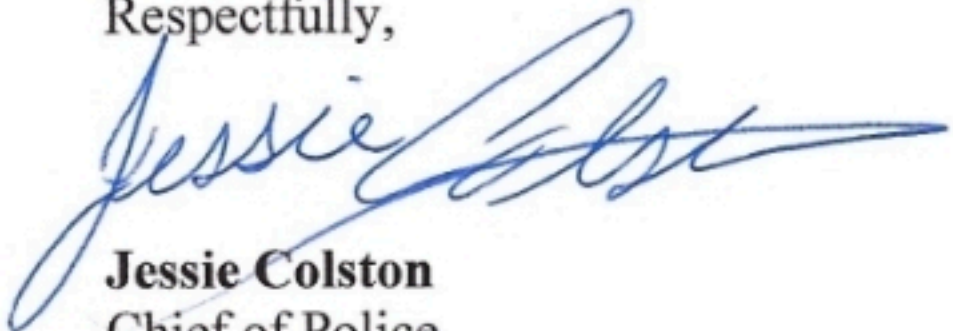
Total Funding Request: \$54,000

These vehicles and radar units are critical tools that will allow our officers to patrol high-traffic corridors safely, respond quickly to emergencies, and enforce traffic regulations—especially during periods of increased commercial vehicle traffic. Enhancing our capabilities will directly improve roadway safety for both our residents and the traveling public.

The Village of Hosston Police Department is committed to using these resources responsibly and efficiently to serve our community and support regional public safety efforts throughout Caddo Parish.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and your continued support of public safety initiatives in our parish. Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessie Colston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jessie Colston
Chief of Police
Village of Hosston