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RE: Request For Funding

Attn: Commissioner Chris Kracman
Caddo Parish Commission

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Dear Commissioner Kracman,

On behalf of Caddo Parish Fire District 8, I am writing to request \$150,000.00 to purchase A ¾ -ton, 4-wheel drive quick response truck and specialized Side-by-Side.

Due to the property values in Caddo Parish District 8 declining and the fact we only receive property mills, a small service fee, and no sales tax we are in need of additional funding.

The quick response truck will be used to respond to any and all emergency calls. Including structure fires, wild fires, vehicle crashes, and Haz Mat incidents. Our current fleet has aged out of its life span.

The specialized side-by-side will be outfitted with a water tank and fire pump to combat wildfires, along with specialized safety equipment for rural search and rescue operations. It is uniquely capable of navigating rugged, off-road terrain where standard vehicles cannot reach, ensuring we can respond quickly in even the most remote emergencies.

Caddo Parish Fire District 8 proudly serves 144 square miles, covering the towns of Vivian, Ida, Hosston, and Rodessa. Our area covers the longest stretch of Interstate 49 in the parish. This expansive, rural region demands specialized equipment and swift action to ensure we protect all of these communities.

We sincerely Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. We are happy to provide any further details or meet to discuss this proposal at your convenience. Thank you for your support of Caddo Parish Fire District 8.

Thank you in advance,
Chief Joseph Ryan