



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 \$220,620 Value of One Mill \$7,800
FD Current Millage Rate 27.9 Value of Total Millage \$217,620
Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30) \$219,000
Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.) \$5,500

Staffing

Deployable:
Number of Paid Firefighters 0 Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters 20
Non-Deployable:
Number of Administrative Staff 0 Communications 0

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

Debt Service \$83,272.00
(include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses \$120,000
(include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings \$84,000
(include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2017

Was your request granted? Yes

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Although we have yet to receive the 2017 approved millage rate increase, we have already been able to establish part time personnel covering our stations during daytime hours. This has drastically reduced our response time during daytime hours and also provided staffing at a time when we are most vulnerable with our volunteers being at work. When the increase from 2017 goes into effect, we will be able to expand upon our part time status and eventually achieve full time staffing.

Performance Data

ISO Rating 4
 Population Served (daytime) 1500
 Number of Households 630

Year Rating Received 2015
 Population Served (nighttime) 2500
 Number of Businesses 12

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?) 248
 Number of Structure Fires 9
 Number of Medical Calls 121
 Number of Vehicle Fires 4
 Number Mutual Aid Calls Sent 7
 Number of Hazmat Calls 2

Number of MVA's 30
 Number of Brush Fires 18
 Number of Public Service Calls 21
 Number Mutual Aid Calls Rec'd 7
 Number of Rescue Calls 2

*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.

Twin Chimney's landfill poses a significant risk due to a large amount of heavy operating equipment and combustible materials on site.

Generations Group home is a high occupancy dormitory housing at risk and neglected/abused adolescents.

Our district is comprised mainly of agricultural land with most landowners within our district also owning heavy farming equipment such as tractors, silos, and other operating equipment.

Dunklin also covers 10 miles of U.S Highway 25, which sees a large amount of private and commercially owned vehicles traverse through our district daily. Over 10% of our annual call volume is related to motor vehicle accidents.

A privately-owned airport is located on Aeronca Road. 25 Households, all of which own small aircraft, reside on Aeronca Road.

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

The Dunklin Fire District participates in the South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization Plan, the South Carolina Statewide Mutual Aid Plan, and the Greenville County Mutual Aid Plan.

Dunklin Fire District receives automatic aid from Canebrake, Hickory Tavern (Laurens), Friendship (Anderson) and South Greenville Fire Departments

Dunklin Fire District also has mutual aid agreements with Laurens and Anderson County fire departments as we border both counties.

Dunklin Fire District also provides personnel to the Greenville County HazMat and Rescue Teams.

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

Receiving this increase would allow us to continue our level of service plus strive toward a lower ISO rating at our next grading assessment.

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

We provide fire protection to Twin Chimney's landfill, the largest sanitary landfill in Greenville County, which is tax exempt.

We also provide fire protection coverage to seven (7) churches within the district.

In addition, Generations Group Home, is a tax-exempt entity operating within our district.

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

jhansley@greenvillecounty.org

Request for Millage Increase for Dunklin Fire District

To Mr. John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

From: Fay Childress, Chairperson to the Board of Fire Commissioners, Dunklin Fire District

The Board of Commissioners for the Dunklin Fire District are requesting an increase of our millage rate for the 2019 tax year of 1.2 mills to a total of 32.3 mills. The current budget outlook for the Dunklin Fire District shows a projected income of \$233,100.00 but a projected expenditure of \$246,772.00 which equates to a shortfall of \$13,672.00. The projected shortfall will occur due to rising costs in fuel, a significant jump in vehicle maintenance expenses trending upwards over the last 3 years, repairs needed at our stations, and the need to begin replacing outdated and worn out equipment and expiring protective gear for our firefighters, as over half of our protective gear expires within the next three years.

The approval of an increase of 1.2 mills would allow us to be able to continue providing the current level of service to our community and further assist us in improving our capabilities and service. Without this increase, we will not be able to replace or purchase much needed equipment which will result in negative outcomes and higher ISO score at our next assessment which is expected to occur within the next two years.

Sincerely,

Fay Childress – Commission Chairperson

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Dunklin Fire District

	FY17 July 1 2016 - June 30 2017	FY18 July 1 2017 - June 30 2018	FY19 July 1 2018 - June 30 2019	FY20 July 1 2019 - June 30 2020	FY21 July 1 2020 - June 30 2021
INCOME					
Tax Based Income	\$ 217,969.00	\$ 217,620.00	\$ 230,100.00	\$ 242,580.00	\$ 242,580.00
EMS Station Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Grants	\$ 48,572.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Income Total	\$ 269,541.00	\$ 220,620.00	\$ 233,100.00	\$ 245,580.00	\$ 245,580.00
EXPENSES					
Debt Services					
Principal Payment	\$ 70,064.87	\$ 70,064.87	\$ 74,216.40	\$ 76,383.51	\$ 78,613.91
Interest Payment	\$ 13,207.13	\$ 13,207.13	\$ 9,055.60	\$ 6,888.48	\$ 4,658.08
DEBT SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 83,272.00	\$ 83,272.00	\$ 83,272.00	\$ 83,271.99	\$ 83,271.99
Recurring Payments					
MedTrans Corp.	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Prof. Fees	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Other - Non specified	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
County Taxes	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
RECURRING PAYMENT TOTAL	\$ 29,050.00	\$ 30,550.00	\$ 35,300.00	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 37,300.00
Fleet					
Fuel	\$ 9,345.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fleet Maintenance / Repairs	\$ 18,255.47	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Vehicle Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FLEET TOTAL	\$ 27,600.47	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Equipment					
Uniforms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gear	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
SCBA Flow Tests	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Ground Ladders Testing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
EQUIPMENT TOTAL	\$ 68,900.00	\$ 23,700.00	\$ 34,700.00	\$ 40,250.00	\$ 40,250.00
Personnel					
Part Time	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Stipend Coverage	\$ 14,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

Medical Physicals	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$	21,750.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	27,000.00

Buildings										
Utilities	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00
Telephone			\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Station / Office Supplies	\$	2,100.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00
BUILDINGS TOTAL	\$	22,100.00	\$	24,500.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	32,000.00	\$	32,000.00

Training										
Department Training	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,500.00
Training Reimbursement			\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
TRAINING TOTAL	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00

Junior Program										
Junior Trainings and Operations			\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
JUNIOR PROGRAM TOTAL	\$		\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00

Community Outreach										
Fire Prevention	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Advertising / Recruitment	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00
COMMUNITY OUTREACH TOTAL	\$		\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,500.00

MISC.	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
MISC. TOTAL	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00

Expenses Total	\$	255,172.47	\$	219,022.00	\$	246,772.00	\$	268,321.99	\$	268,321.99
Differentials	\$	14,368.53	\$	1,598.00	\$	(13,672.00)	\$	(22,741.99)	\$	(22,741.99)