

MEMO

History:

In 2010 the Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) purchased a Ford F250 (Rural 311) and the Rural Fire Association (RFA) provided funds to purchase equipment. The volunteers built and installed a firefighting skid unit with the equipment purchased by the RFA saving the CFD & RFA thousands of dollars. Currently, Rural 311 is starting to be problematic. With over 53,000 miles, the engine is leaking oil, the fuel system needs replacing, and the body is rusting. The maintenance costs are a costly liability. Rural 311 has responded to 441 runs so far this year, making it the second highest responding vehicle in the fleet. 311 is currently the only vehicle able to go off-road for grass fires and other calls requiring an off-road vehicle.

CFD will be seeking a grant from the USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant with a 15% matching request.

Quotes: Signature Ford \$35,340.00

Feldman Ford \$41,669.00 Candy Ford \$49,800.00

Purchase a 2022 Ford F350 and split the cost 50/50.

Purchase price: \$35,430.00

Minus USDA 15% grant: -\$5,314.50 (pending approval)

Truck Total: \$30,115.50

City total: \$17,715.00 / \$15,057.75 w/ grant approval RFA total: \$17,715.00 / \$15,057.75 w/ grant approval

Supporting documents: Memo, request for quote letter, and Signature Ford quote.

Professionally,

Fire Chief Robert Vogel