



# CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT FOUR

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January 31, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request additional funding from the American Rescue Plan. When we submitted our original application, we didn't realize that we could request funds for items not yet purchased, as well as the reimbursement of Covid-related expenses that were submitted.

We are a small Fire Department with 20 active first responders. We would like to request an additional \$60,164.00 for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The 20 sets of PPE would provide all of our paid and volunteer first responders with a second set of PPE. This second set allows the proper cleaning and sanitizing of the first set, while keeping our members ready to respond, when the call arises. Our members respond to both fire and medical incidents. The PPE is used on both types of calls and is subject to being contaminated with both infectious diseases and carcinogens.

First responders are subject to the exposure of all types of infectious disease and have a 68% higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer than the general population. The National Fire Protection Association has determined that a second set of gear greatly reduces the fire fighters' contact with carcinogens.

Thank you for your consideration in approving our request for this additional funding.

Sincerely,

Bryant Williams  
Fire Chief