



The **American Rescue Plan** Act provides the Boone County Commission with \$4,167,771 in direct federal aid to assist our community in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Boone County received the first round of funding, approximately \$2 million, in 2021

In general, the American Rescue Plan Funds can be used to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to replace lost public revenues, to support economic stabilization, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, public health and broadband infrastructure. For additional information please see ARP State and Local Rules.¹

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages if needed. Once submitted this application and any supporting document is considered a public record and will be made available to the public and media upon request.

☒ **PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

Section One: Contact information

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Section Two: Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal
2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
3. Individuals or communities served
4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request
5. Amount of funding requested
6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable
7. Amount and source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization
8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used
9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

Section Three: Proposal details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address.

WBVFD is currently looking to update our current supply of pagers and batteries for our crucial rescue tools that are life saving pieces of equipment. Pagers are crucial to provide fast and dependable emergency notifications for emergency 911 responses for our response area, as well as other areas of the county. Our current pagers are old and most are not working or are unreliable, thus causing a risk to the citizens of our response area. We also currently have members on WBVFD that do not have a pager and have to rely on an app to notify them when there is an emergency. These new batteries will update our current old batteries to a more dependable power source. These rescue tools include the Hurst Jaws of Life (x2), Hurst Spreader (x2), Hurst Cutter (x2), and the Hurst Ram (x2). These mentioned tools are used to extricate trapped victims in MVCs and other types of situations. These tools are very vital to the WBVFD and the community that we serve.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

The goal of these new pagers is to ultimately provide a quick and reliable way to provide enhanced notifications to our members when an emergency in our community appears. These new pagers have the capability to use both UHF and VHF frequencies to provide notification of an emergency response to our members, so they can quickly respond to the emergency of the citizens of our immediate and second due response areas.

The goal of the new eDRAULIC batteries is to provide efficient and dependable extrication services at any given time. These tools are essentially wireless as we can removed them from our trucks, and take them over hillsides if needed to where ever the victim may be and be able to quickly and safely remove them from any MVC that they me be entrapped in our objects they may be stuck under.

3. Please provide your project timeline, e.g., if funded when the project or proposal be fully implemented

If the Boone County Commission was to award the WBVFD with this funding, the pagers and batteries for the rescue tools would be purchased as soon as the funding was provided to the VFD.

4. Please provide your total proposed budget.

The total proposed budget that we, The WBVFD is requesting is \$19,156.50 USD.

Pagers - \$12,082.50

eDRAULIC Batteries- \$7,074.00

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

WBVFD would be partnering with two outside dealers to purchase these items, Discount Communications and Electronics, located in Alum Creek, WV. DCE is the local dealer that we use to purchase radios and pagers. The second dealer would be Interstate Rescue, Located in Winchester, VA.

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Once the grant has been awarded to WBVFD the pagers and new batteries for the rescue tools would be purchased and as soon as these would be delivered and programmed. Implementation of these to our members would be immediate to provide better notifications of emergencies to our members and the batteries will be installed and immediately put to use.

Section Four: Organization information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

"To Promptly and professionally serve our community with Pride, Dedication, and Excellence, thus never failing to deliver quality emergency services to our community with the highest level of integrity, commitment, and teamwork"

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities.

WBVFD was established in 1980 by the Wharton Lions Club.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

The WBVFD is proud to be able to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) care to the citizens in our immediate response area.

The WBVFD also has a LUCAS device that aids during the cardiac arrest calls, as this device does mechanical chest compressions for the first responders on scene so they can better treat the patient.

The WBVFD is also proud to have been recognized along with several other departments in the county as to how much water we are safely able to move with Vacuum tankers at the scenes of fires. This is a big help, due to several areas in the county not having adequate fire hydrants and or tankers to immediately service their area. With these tankers, we are able to pump water out of creeks, rivers, or any type of water source.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Chief- Mark White
Asst. Chief- Robert Rash
Captain- Matt Johner
Lieutenant- James Roberts
Firefighter- Trevor Vance
Firefighter- Charles Hawks
Firefighter- Randy Workman
Firefighter- Brian Brown
Firefighter- Noah Adkins
Firefighter- Norman Matthews

EMT-Chandler Castle

EMT-Lori Barr

Support Members-

Aaron Dickerson

Kaylen Booth

Kensley White

Patrick Frame

Dusty Vance

Shayla White

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

Chief, Mark White, is responsible for directing the activities of the WBVFD and is the sole authority and command at the emergency scenes.

Asst. Chief, R.Rash is responsible for the overall planning, organization and direction of day to day operations.

Capt. M. Johner is responsible for helping assist the duties of the Chief and Asst. Chief.

All other members of the WBVFD are crucial as we all work together as a team and without them nothing would be possible

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable: cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year, two years of audited financial statements, current operating budget. If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant.

Audit books for WBVFD have been turned in to the County and can be viewed as needed.

7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Boone County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

WBVFD was lucky enough to receive the AFG- Grant Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA). With the money from this grant the WVBFD was able to purchase new Mobile and Hand-Held Dual band radios for our department. WBVFD was able to Purchase 4 Mobile radios and 10 HandHelds.

8. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

WBFVD has not made any other applications for funding on this project.

Section Five: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request, e.g., reduction in services, closures, increased costs, impacts to the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put a major burden on our members as it has everywhere else. The unknown of each call, we go in not knowing if the house for this medical response or if the occupants of the MVC has been exposed. We respond to all calls, known COVID-19 or not, we still go without hesitation. These pagers will aide us with better communication of call details to better prepare our members if the call is COVID related.

2. If you are requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19, provide that information here. Attach documentation sufficient to verify your request.

The WBVFD is not requesting monetary assistance for lost revenue.

3. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

If the Boone County Commission was to award the requested \$19,156.50 USD to the WBVFD, it would help our department and the citizens we serve tremendously. As mentioned previously, we run all type of calls, Fires, MVCs, Search and Rescue, Medical Assistance Calls, etc... The WBVFD has responded to numerous medical assistance calls for positive COVID-19 patients within our communities.

**Section Six: Supplementary
information**

1. Please enter at least one third-party reference.

Michael W. Mayhorn
Emergency Management Director- Boone County
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2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc.) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

N/A

Signature: 

Name (Print): ROBERT RASH

Title: ASST. CHIEF / EMT

Date: 02-10-2022

How to Submit an ARP Application to Boone County?

You may email it to pwhite@boonecountywv.net or mail to:

Boone County Commission

Attention County Administrator

206 Court St.

Madison, WV 25130.

For questions, call 304-369-7301 or email pwhite@boonecountywv.net