



INTERNAL APPLICATION COMMUNITY WORKS FUND

Project Name: Salmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department Storage Building
Location: 5155 Salmon Valley Road
Investment Category: Fire Halls and Fire Stations
Investment Subcategory: Fire Hall and Fire Station Infrastructure
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Project Description: **Construction of a storage building for SVVFD.**

Introduction:

The Salmon Valley fire protection was established in 1977 and provides fire protection to the community of Salmon Valley and the Wright Creek Road area. The fire department is funded by a property tax levied against the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

Description:

Fire Chiefs meet annually with the RDFFG to engage in strategic financial planning, addressing the needs for purchases and training. Each year, these needs are prioritized to determine which can be accommodated within the budget and which must be deferred until additional funding becomes available. The budgets for each Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) are itemized to outline anticipated expenses, including training, turnout gear, vehicle equipment, hall maintenance, truck maintenance, and utility costs.

The demand for inter-agency assistance, particularly during wildfire events, has been increasing annually. Each fire department is committed to enhancing training and expanding equipment inventories not only to strengthen internal resilience and response capacity but also to support neighboring communities in times of need.

The Salmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department (SVVFD) is quickly outgrowing its current facility and needs an additional building for storage purposes.

Anticipated Outcomes:

RDFFG Public Safety staff will work with the fire chief to make sure a permanent structure is built according to all building and planning requirements.

Work plan:

Public Safety staff will work with engineers to go to a competitive bid for construction of an outbuilding to be used as storage for trucks, trailers, equipment and gear.

- Staff to obtain a fee proposal with the engineer
- Staff to work with the engineer to get cost estimates and specifications for the competitive bid
- Staff to work with the engineer on the competitive bid process assuming a MMCD contract will need to be used due to it being a construction project
- Staff to work with the engineer for competitive bid scoring and determining best bid for the construction
- Staff to take a Board report to Board to award the contract
- Staff to work with the engineer for project management and invoice payments

Budget:

In the 2025 budget plan, SVVFD has budgeted \$200,000 to put towards the construction of the storage facility and are requesting \$100,000 from the Community Works Fund.