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March 21, 2024

Congressman James Comer
First District of Kentucky
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RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Comer:

As Judge/Executive of Lyon County and the retired Eddyville Police Chief I strongly support the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for the County of Lyon, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios within all first responder agencies within the county. Lyon County First Responders are currently operating on eighteen-to-twenty-year-old equipment. Each agency has upgraded their radios over this twenty-year period within their budget needs, but there are still major gaps in service within the county and with our state and federal partners. The funds requested would cover the cost of replacing portable radios & mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

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As a former first responder in this county, I can personally attest to the fact that there is nothing more important than radio communication with our dispatch center (KSP) and other first responders when responding to & on a call for service. Our first responders rely on the radios to work and to reach dispatch when needed.

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Jaime Smith
Lyon County Judge/Executive



Lyon County Emergency Management

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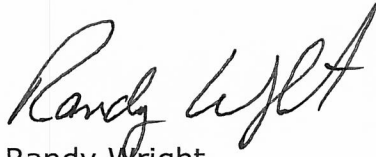
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Randy Wright

Lyon County Emergency Manager

Commonwealth of Kentucky

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chris Freeland
State Representative

March 22, 2024

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

As the state representative for Kentucky's 6th District, I strongly support the FY25 Community Project Funding application Lyon County, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios within all first responder agencies within the county. Lyon County first responders are currently operating on 18-to-20-year-old equipment. Each agency has upgraded their radios over this 20-year period within their budget needs, but there are still major gaps in service within the county and with our state and federal partners. The funds requested would cover the cost of replacing portable radios and mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

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Sincerely,

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Chris Freeland
State Representative
6th Legislative District

CF/lr

Bill M. Compton
Fire Chief

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KUTTAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 23, 2024

Congressman James Comer
First District of Kentucky
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Dear Congressman Comer,

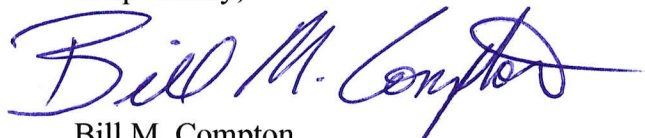
My name is Bill M. Compton, and I am a lifelong resident of Eddyville, Kentucky. I am presently the Volunteer Fire Chief for the City of Kuttawa, Ky. and have served in the fire service in Lyon County, Kentucky for almost 39 years. I am writing to you urging your much needed support for our joint agency Fiscal Year 25 Community Project Funding Application for Lyon County. The joint project will make it possible to fund the acquisition of much needed end user communication equipment for emergency responders in Lyon County. Many of the radios in service presently are operating well past their life expectancy. Emergency response agencies in Lyon County have diligently tried to upgrade and replace equipment as they can. Due to the cost of such equipment and extremely limited operating budgets, agency administrators have been unable to keep up with the replacement of aged and failing communication equipment as needed. For a rural volunteer fire department, the struggles are even worse. It cost approximately \$5,000.00 to completely outfit a firefighter with personal protective equipment (PPE) utilized for structural firefighting. Our firefighter's lives depend upon this equipment, which must be replaced as needed. Nationally recognized standards also require structural PPE over 10 years old to be replaced, regardless of the condition. As administrator of our department, I have also had to recently address the need to replace self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for our agency. We anticipate spending well over \$8,000 per unit, with sixteen units having to be purchased to meet our needs. As you can well see, public safety and the safety of our firefighters is an extremely expensive business. Administrators, like me, are having to prioritize need and juggle financial resources to try to keep our responders safe while trying our best to keep our community safe. Dependable, rugged, and advanced communications equipment is also a necessary component of the emergency response paradigm. Funding our proposed project will help ensure we can meet our agencies and communities' public safety demands not only today but for the future.

The replacement of our communities aged end user equipment will also give us added capabilities and redundant communications with the Kentucky State Police (KSP), who has also served as our dispatch center and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for most of the 39 years I have served in public safety. KSP anticipates their new state of the art communications system will go live in our region mid-year 2024, with other regions of the state to follow. The communications equipment proposed in our joint funding application will not only provide local agencies with reliable equipment to communicate on the Lyon County Primary communications system, but with redundancy and full interoperability with the new KSP statewide communication system.

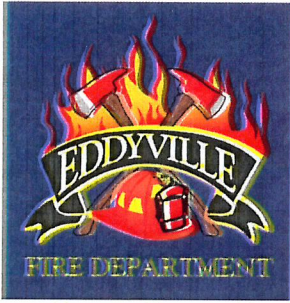
Due to our communities' location in the heart of the Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake region and with I-24 and I-69 transiting through, we have a collective need to work with a multitude of agencies to provide emergency response services to our citizens and visitors. Public safety agencies in neighboring counties as well as the Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and federal partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service all work together with our county to meet the public safety needs of our region. Funding this communications project will help assure that Lyon County has reliable, interoperable communications with all our public safety partners.

In closing, funding this communications project is a win for everyone! It will fund reliable communications for responders so they are safe and can provide our public with the emergency response services they expect and deserve. I humbly ask for your consideration and support in funding this much needed project.

Respectfully,



Bill M. Compton
Fire Chief
Kuttawa Volunteer Fire Department.



Eddyville Fire Department

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RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

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As the Eddyville Fire Department Chief, I strongly support the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for the County of Lyon, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios within all first responder agencies within the county. Members of the Eddyville Fire Department (EFD) are currently operating on eighteen-to-twenty-year-old equipment. EFD has upgraded their radios over this twenty-year period within their budget needs, but there are still major gaps in service within the county and with our state and federal partners. The funds requested would cover the cost of replacing portable radios & mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

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Thank you for your attention to the application of Lyon County, which I believe merits your full and fair consideration.



Josh Schenk
Chief of Eddyville Fire Department



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March 25, 2024

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RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am Michael Wiggins Director of Lyon Co EMS, and resident of Lyon Co. This letter is to show my support for the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for the County of Lyon, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios within all first responder agencies within the county. Lyon County First Responders are currently operating on eighteen-to-twenty-year-old equipment. Each agency has upgraded their radios over this twenty-year period within their budget needs, but there are still major gaps in service within the county and with our state and federal partners. The funds requested would cover the cost of replacing portable radios & mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

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As a First Responder I can personally attest to the fact that there is nothing more important than radio communication with our dispatch center (KSP) and other first responders when responding to & on a call for service. Our first responders rely on the radios to work and to reach dispatch when needed.

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Michael Wiggins CCEMTP, CAD
Lyon Co EMS Director



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Dear Congressman Comer:

I write to express my strong endorsement for Lyon County's FY25 Community Project Funding Application, seeking up to \$1.2 million to modernize the mobile and portable radios utilized by our first responder agencies. Currently, Lyon County's first responders rely on equipment that is eighteen to twenty years old, with various agencies having made piecemeal upgrades within their budget constraints over this period. However, significant gaps in service persist both within our county and in coordination with state and federal partners.

The requested funds would be allocated towards the replacement of portable and mobile radios, incorporating vehicle repeaters to enhance coverage and reliability. This upgrade is particularly crucial as we anticipate the launch of the New Kentucky State Police (KSP) Radio System in July 2024. Interoperability with this system necessitates compatibility with Motorola connectivity technology, ensuring seamless communication with KSP and other agencies across different frequency bands.

Moreover, the proposed radios will facilitate improved communication with vital partners such as the US Forest Service Police in the Land Between the Lakes (LBL), with whom our current equipment fails to establish contact. By enhancing connectivity with both local and federal entities, these modern radios will bolster emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety and security of Lyon County residents.

I urge your careful consideration of Lyon County's funding application, recognizing its importance in advancing public safety and emergency preparedness within our community. Your support in securing these resources would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Davenport".

Amanda Davenport
Executive Director
Lake Barkley Partnership

**EDDYVILLE
RIVERPORT**
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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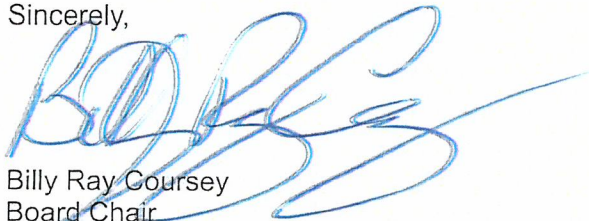
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Thank you for your attention to the application of Lyon County, which I believe merits your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Billy Ray Coursey
Board Chair
Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority



LANDMARK
of Kuttawa
A Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

March 22, 2024

Congressman James Comer
First District of Kentucky
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: Lyon County's FY25 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am the Administrator of Landmark of Kuttawa, a Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. I am writing you today in support of Lyon County's application for FY25 Community Project Funding for up to \$1.2 million to upgrade their radio communication equipment for all first responder agencies within our county. It is my understanding the funds they are requesting for this project would cover the cost of replacing outdated portable and mobile communication equipment.

We routinely interact with our local fire departments, ambulance service, and sheriff's office. I am aware their radio system is not reliable and this upgrade to their radios would create interoperability with the new state police radio system which allows them to use an interoperability network that our first responders can have access to as a redundancy to the county system.

Our responders need these newer Motorola radios in order to access this network. In addition, these new radios would be more reliable and would allow our first responders to more efficiently communicate with all our county's local, state, and federal partners.

Thank you for assisting Lyon County with this application. Our first responder agencies are comprised of professional partners who are dedicated to duty in service to our communities and they deserve reliable communications equipment to perform their jobs.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Goodwin
Administrator



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Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to you today in support of Lyon County's application for FY25 Community Project Funding for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading their mobile and portable radios for all first responder agencies within our county. My office routinely interacts with our law enforcement and EMS personnel, and I can attest to how important their radio communications are to their safety and service delivery to the public.

An upgrade to these nearly 20-year-old radios will create interoperability with the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) Radio System which is scheduled to be in use by July of 2024. The new radio system allows KSP to have an interoperability network our first responders can have access to as a redundancy; however, it requires the newer Motorola connectivity piece to access it. In addition, these new radios would allow our first responders to talk to all their mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency band the other agencies operate on. This includes the USDA's Forest Service personnel in the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. This is a project which can be a model of collaborative effort to better serve the citizens of our Commonwealth and its visitors.

Sincerely yours,

Carrie L. Ovey-Wiggins
Commonwealth's Attorney
56th Judicial Circuit



March 25, 2024

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2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-1701

RE: FY25 Community Project Funding


Dear Congressman Comer:

I am the Senior Vice President of Farmer's Bank in Caldwell and Lyon Counties and am writing you today in support of Lyon County's application for FY25 Community Project Funding for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading their first responders' mobile and portable radios. I am originally from Princeton but have called Lyon County home now for some time and we are proud to support our first responder agencies in this community.

An upgrade to their outdated radios and related components will create interoperability communications by way of the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) Radio System which is scheduled to be in use here by July of 2024. The new radio system allows KSP to have an interoperability network our first responders can have access to as a redundancy; however, it requires the newer Motorola equipment to access it. These new radios would allow our first responders to have reliable equipment and be able to communicate with all their mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency band the other agencies operate on

I thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. This is a project our community supports and prays the reviewers will grant to these full-time and volunteer agencies which serve our county professionally each and every day.

Sincerely yours,


Elizabeth Watson
Senior Vice President
Farmers Bank



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Cookie Crews
COMMISSIONER

March 24, 2024

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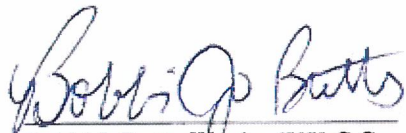
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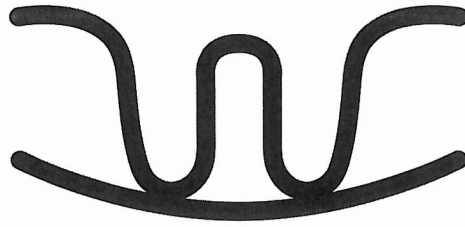
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As you may be aware, we have multiple corrections facilities in Lyon County. We've operated on a state radio channel for years. This radio project would also allow our county's first responders to have communication access to our staff in extreme emergency situations which require outside response to our institutions.

Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. Its potential is exciting for all of our agencies to work in a collaborative effort to better serve the citizens of our Commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,


Bobbi J. Butts, Warden W.K.C.C.



March 24, 2024

Williams Veterinary Clinic
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RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Comer:

I own and operate a veterinary clinic in Lyon County. In our business, we have worked closely with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office canine program over the last several years. I am writing you today in support of the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for Lyon County, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading mobile and portable radios for all first responder agencies within the county.

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These radios will allow for better communication with our state and federal partners. It is my understanding our Lyon County agencies currently cannot communicate with the US Dept. of Agriculture's Forest Service Law Enforcement and Fire Suppression personnel in the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area. These new mobile and portable radios will allow our first responders (EMS, Fire, Rescue, & Sheriffs) to communicate with federal LBL personnel by way of the new radio network KSP is installing.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this application for our Lyon County first responders. I believe this is a worthwhile project which will help our local, state, and federal partners in this area serve our citizens and the nearly two million visitors who visit our county annually whether that be to LBL, Lake Barkley, and/or Kentucky Lake.

Sincerely yours,

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Brian Williams, DVM
Williams Vet Clinic

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RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Comer:

Greetings. My wife, Anja and I operate a canine training business in Western KY. As such, we have worked closely with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office in the past 2 years. Today we write to you in strong support of the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for Lyon County, Kentucky for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading their mobile and portable radios within all first responder agencies within the county. Lyon County first responders are currently operating on a nearly 20-year-old equipment. The funds they are requesting would cover the cost of replacing portable radios & mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

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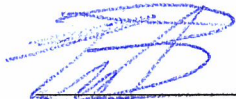
As a military veteran and a canine vendor for the Sheriff's Office, I can personally attest to the fact that there is nothing more important than radio communication with our dispatch center and other first responders in our county when agencies are responding to a call for service. Our first responders rely on the radios to work and to reach dispatch when needed.

With that in mind, these radios will also allow for better communication with our state and federal partners. It is my understanding our Lyon County agencies currently cannot communicate with the US Forest Service Law Enforcement and Fire Suppression personnel in the Land

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Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County, which I believe is needed and represents one of the best examples of local, state, and federal partners all working in service to our citizens.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Brownell, Owner
Brownell Canine



File Code: 1500
Date: March 25, 2024

Jaime Green-Smith
Lyon County Judge Executive
P.O. Box 598
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Eddyville, Kentucky 42038

Dear Judge Executive Green-Smith:

As Area Supervisor for Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL), I strongly support the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for Lyon County, to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios for all first responder agencies within the county. Lyon County first responders are currently operating on antiquated equipment. Each agency has upgraded their radios over the last twenty-year period within their budget needs, but there are still major gaps in service within the county and with their state and federal partners. The funds requested would cover the cost of replacing portable radios and mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

An upgrade to these radios will create interoperability with the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) radio system which will go live in our area in July of 2024. The new radio system allows for KSP to have an interoperability network that we can have access to as a redundancy, but it requires the newer Motorola connectivity piece to access it. In addition, these new radios would allow us to talk to all mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency band the other agencies operate on.

As a partner to Lyon County, I can personally attest to the fact that there is nothing more important than radio communication with the dispatch center (KSP) and other first responders when responding to and on a call for service. Our first responders rely on radios to work properly and to call for assistance when needed. Reliable, interoperable communications is the foundation on which modern public and first responder safety is based.

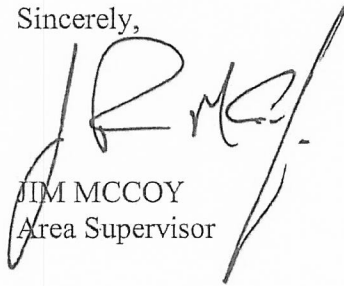
With that in mind, these radios will also allow for better communication with state and federal partners such as myself. Lyon County currently cannot communicate with the U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations (LEI) at LBL. These new mobile and portable radios will allow first responders to communicate with Forest Service LE&I in concert with the new radio system KSP is installing.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important issue. I look forward to improving our daily communications and coordination.



Thank you also for thinking of LBL as a continued partner in public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. McCoy". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

JIM MCCOY
Area Supervisor



EDDYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greg Greene
Mayor

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Jordan Parrish
Chief of Police

March 22nd, 2024

Congressman James Comer
First District of Kentucky
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-1701

RE: FY25 Community Project Funding-Lyon County

Dear Congressman Comer:

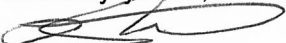
I am writing you today in support of the FY25 Community Project Funding Application for Lyon County for up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our mobile and portable radios for all first responder agencies within the county, including the Eddyville Police Department. Lyon County first responders are using outdated equipment and these funds we are requesting for this project would cover the cost of replacing portable radios and mobile radios with vehicle repeaters.

An upgrade to these radios will create interoperability with the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) Radio System which is scheduled to be in service in July of 2024. The new radio system allows for KSP to have an interoperability network that our first responders can have access to as a redundancy network, but it requires the newer Motorola connectivity piece for us to access it.

In addition, these new radios would allow our first responders to talk to all our mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency band they operate on.

Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. This project is a worthwhile endeavor between, Eddyville, Kuttawa, and Lyon County which will undoubtedly improve service delivery to the public and most likely save lives.

Sincerely yours,


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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
EDDYVILLE

March 24, 2024

Congressman James Comer
First District of Kentucky
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-1701

RE: FY25 Community Project Funding for Lyon County


Dear Congressman Comer:

I am the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Eddyville and am writing you today in support of Lyon County's application for FY25 Community Project Funding for up to \$1.2 million to upgrade mobile and portable radios for all first responder agencies within our county. The funds they are requesting for this project would cover the cost of replacing outdated portable and mobile communication equipment.

I am aware that an upgrade to their radios will create interoperability with the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) radio system which allows for KSP to have an interoperability network our first responders can have access to as a redundancy to their county system. They need the newer Motorola radios in order to access this network. In addition, these new radios would be more reliable and would allow our first responders to more efficiently communicate with all our county's local, state, and federal partners even if they operate on a different frequency than our county.

Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. Our first responder agencies desperately need this new equipment and I personally know several of our church members who are also members of these agencies and who devote their time and energy in keeping our community safe each day.

Sincerely yours,



Justin Wesson, Pastor
First Baptist Church Eddyville



Brent White, Sheriff

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March 21, 2024

Congressman James R. Comer
First District of Kentucky
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-1701

RE: FY25 Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Comer:

Greetings from the Western side of your Congressional district and I hope all is well with you and your family.

In December of 2023, Lyon County Judge-Executive Jaime Smith and I began speaking with your office, specifically Mr. Austin Wetherington and Ms. Mary-Carter Barton regarding funding options for a one-time, public safety communication project for our county involving all first responder agencies. The culmination of this work and that of the Pennyriple Area Development District (PADD) has brought us to the FY25 Community Project Funding Application being submitted at this time where we are requesting up to \$1.2 million to assist with the cost of upgrading our county's mobile and portable radios in addition to our vehicle repeaters.

Lyon County First Responders which include city and county entities are currently operating with outdated equipment we initially transitioned to due to federal, unfunded mandates involving the P25 compliance conversion (i.e., P25 CAP) which was expected to begin in 2008. The P25 CAP which encouraged interoperability continues to be pushed into the future while changes in technology and due dates have come and gone. The funds requested for this project would cover the cost of communication equipment upgrades which would still meet the requirements of the P25 CAP and at the same time increase our interoperability capabilities.

An upgrade to these radios will create interoperability with the newly acquired Kentucky State Police (KSP) radio system that should go live in our Post district in July of 2024. The new radio system allows for KSP to have an interoperability network that our agencies can have access to as a redundancy; however, it requires the newer Motorola connectivity piece to access it at this time.

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In addition, this new equipment would allow us to communicate with 'all' of our mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency bandwidth the other agencies operate within.

As a retired Kentucky State Police Post Commander and now Sheriff, I can attest to the importance of reliable radio communication with our dispatch center (KSP) and other first responders when conducting our daily work. Our first responders rely on their communication equipment to work and to reach dispatch when needed. Unfortunately, we do not have that with our current system. These upgrades would correct this issue and provide for the most efficient interoperability options which is desperately needed for our county.

Our current radio communications equipment cannot communicate with the US Department of Agriculture's Forest Service law enforcement division nor the fire suppression staff in the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area. The proposed communication upgrades consisting of the new mobile and portable radios will allow us to communicate with our federal partners in LBL.

In addition, with these upgrades, our agency will be able to communicate directly with Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Officers who work on our two federally owned/managed lakes (Lake Barkley & Kentucky Lake), as well as with our State Troopers when assigned to special events and incidents involving KSP personnel.

Lastly, a bonus to this project has to do with mutual aid requests and communications. If our Sheriff's Office or other first responder personnel are requested in another part of our Commonwealth, such as a natural disaster in Barren County or Monroe County for example, this new communication equipment could be utilized instantaneously once on scene in those counties. This saves not only time and money, but potentially lives.

Thank you for your attention to this FY25 Community Project Funding application on behalf of Lyon County, and we thank you for your service to our county and this great Commonwealth.



Brent White, Sheriff
Lyon County, Kentucky

Lyon County Schools



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March 24, 2024

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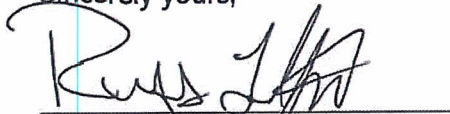
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An upgrade to these radios will create interoperability with the new Kentucky State Police (KSP) Radio System which is scheduled to go live in our area in July of 2024. The new radio system allows for KSP to have an interoperability network that our first responders can have access to as a redundancy, but it requires the newer Motorola connectivity piece to access it. In addition, these new radios would allow our first responders to talk to all our mutual aid, local, state, and federal partners no matter which frequency band the other agencies operate on.

Our school administration and school buses communicate on UHF frequencies whereby our first responders communicate on VHF frequencies currently. This project provides for the ability of our first responders to communicate with our school district's radios without the need for our school resource officers and others to carry two radios.

Thank you for your consideration of this application for Lyon County. Due to over half of our county's land mass being owned by the federal government, our county's tax base is reduced to the point where certain projects are out of reach. This project is a worthwhile endeavor which will improve service delivery and help keep our citizens and students safe.

Sincerely yours,


Russ Tilford, Superintendent