

**Project Name:** Marlboro County Fire Service Improvement

**Requested Amount:** \$300,000 (portioned out to all 6 departments)

**Recipient Entity:** Marlboro County Fire Service

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### **Summary of Intended Use of the Funds:**

The Marlboro County Fire Service intends to use the requested funds to purchase firefighting equipment along with personal protective equipment to suit the need for each fire department within Marlboro County.

### **Justification of Request/Public Benefit:**

Each fire department within Marlboro County responds to many calls for service a year. During that year equipment and PPE are used at different levels, meaning each department has different needs. If awarded the requested amount, each department will be able to better themselves by updating vital tools and PPE to complete the job when called. For example, many firefighters are wearing out of date or damaged PPE. Purchasing new PPE would better protect the firefighters of Marlboro County while they perform their job to protect the citizens and visitors. Or some departments need updated equipment such as, Fire Hose, Fire Extinguishers, Appliances or Connections to connect the fire trucks to the hydrants, Scene/Emergency Lighting to make work areas safer in the dark, especially near roadways. Again, all funding received would be utilized to improve Marlboro County's Fire Service. By doing this, the citizens of Marlboro County will have firefighters working safer, more effective, and efficiently to keep them protected when the need arises.