

Subject: DOHFD "Wishlist" clarification

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DOHFD Board members and Fire Chief,

I am writing to clarify some confusion regarding the origin of the "Wishlist" for grant items. Honestly, I'm unaware if it's been shared with everyone at this point, but wanted to clear any rumors that might have arisen lately. If it was not shared with the group, I have attached this for everyone's knowledge. A few months ago, the idea of creating a grant committee was discussed during a board meeting. A list of items was suggested as being useful, and it was directed towards firefighters present at the meeting.

I took the initiative to contact department members who are actively involved in training and emergency response and have a good understanding of our equipment needs. The aim was to compile a list of items that could be obtained through grants. This was not just about my selection of items but rather a group effort to create a list for a future committee.

The items were noted as suggested, without any specific grouping or priority. The list included items such as a low-pressure hose washer, which we (fire officers) had discussed in a recent fire officers meeting and all agreed that we did not have a working low-pressure hose washer. To larger items such as a smaller, more maneuverable, water tender that could access areas our primary tender could not.

When estimating the cost of a new water tender, I contacted a local sales representative to get a ballpark figure, and the quoted price was \$490,262.50. I have included the proposal and drawing for your reference. The representative also stated that if we decided to go with a larger, more gallonage, dual axle water tender it would add approximately \$10 - 15,000 more to the provided quote.

I shared this list with Director Pillsbury when speaking with him on an unrelated topic. The request for such a list came from the board of directors, and the committee consists of board members. So, I felt this was appropriate as a meeting was approaching and I would not be able to attend due to my work schedule.

Regarding the grant committee, I would like to suggest that a department member who is active in training, and incident response and has knowledge of the department's needs be included in this committee. They would be able to provide valuable input and assist in getting the right tools, equipment, or apparatus to serve the community we protect.

An example of how this could benefit the committee is: that recently we obtained wildland

nozzles from a grant. These nozzles came with pistol grips, imagine a handgun when thinking of pistol grip. Pistol grip nozzles are typically not used in wildland operations because they cause issues with hose loads used with wildland operations. Having a member on the committee with practical experience and knowledge could have mentioned this and suggested a more suitable nozzle.

I hope this clarifies any confusion. I hope to attend this month's board meeting, pending any changes to my work schedule. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

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