

Narrative Statement

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Project Description

Please provide your narrative statement in the space provided below:

Alexis Volunteer Fire Department is applying for the 2003 FEMA grant to fund the installation of a Plymo Vent vehicle exhaust removal system. If awarded this grant the department would use the monies given to pay for the installation of this system minus the department's contribution for the total cost.

This exhaust removal system would be a great benefit for the department in that there is no ventilation boundary between the apparatus bays and the living areas of the station and the return for the heating and air system are directly off of the apparatus bays. So that anytime the apparatus are responding the bays are filled with diesel exhaust and then when the bay doors are closed the heating and air system then pulls this exhaust is distributed into all the areas of the station.

With the department's current debts in paying for modern apparatus we are unable to find funds for providing the station an exhaust removal system. The department would be able to fund the taxes, freight, wiring, and tailpipe modifications. This has been an ongoing problem for all the department's members.

The station building is laid out such that there are only two interior doors connecting the living areas of the station, including the bathrooms and kitchen. There is always a diesel exhaust film on all the kitchen cabinet tops and station furniture, no matter how often it's cleaned. This problem could be solved but would require major modification to the station. The department feels that installing a vehicle exhaust removal system would be the most simple and less expensive.

The department hopes that FEMA could help it fund this project and will still pursue the funds for the exhaust system if FEMA is not able to help in this project.

If you received a grant award in the 2002 process, does your current request relate to your 2002 award? **No**

If you answered yes, above, which of the following apply?

- This request enhances the 2002 award
- This request continues the 2002 award
- This request completes the 2002 award

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