

City of Fort Bragg Council Members

I know you have to make some tough choices regarding the up-coming CBDG proposal. Repairing the leaking fire house roof is one of the choices. In politics, I realize that the squeaky wheel normally gets the most attention. In that thought, having every firefighter, every board member, everyone who've depended on us after dialing 911 and everyone who supports the FBFD flood you with letters of support, would be a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, that's really not how we do business. The way we do our job is pretty simple to define, present us with a problem, give us the facts and we will find a way to deal with it. No fan-fare or expectations of rewards, we do the job then return to the station. In most cases we end up talking about ways we could improve on the same situation should it ever come up again. I bring this up to share my point that we do not expect or demand that you choose our request over others.

I would like to point out that if you can think like a firefighter for a few hours, you might realize that your vote should go to the roof repairs. You have been presented with a problem. You have a leaking roof above the fire station. The problem grows as we consider the structural damage that is increasing every year that these leaks continue. Every rain adds to the potential of a major structural renovation, which in turn adds several "0's" to the cost of repairing the roof. This is the problem you are "rolling up to". Your options are limited as far as dealing with it. Now you are experiencing what fire officer's face as they roll up to a major incident. You have to deal with it and not doing anything is not an option. While we might call on our Aerial ladder truck to protect nearby structures, your option of getting grant money to start work on the roof is currently the only one available to you.

Fort Bragg is very fortunate to have a strong dedicated volunteer fire department. When asked what our secret is, I never hesitate to point out that we operate as a team. That includes the paid staff, the officers, the firefighters, their families and friends, our governing board members and our community. I believe there is not much we can't do if everyone involved is pulling in the same direction. As part of

our team, I would hope that the direction chosen would include taking care of our station before it gets much worse.

As Chief of the FBFD, I would like to thank the city for including our roof repairs as part of your potential grant proposal. Stay safe and hopefully we will be back to our normal lives soon!!

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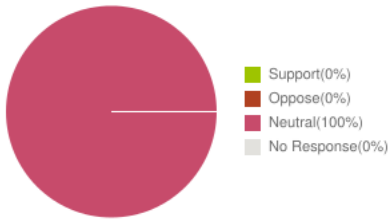
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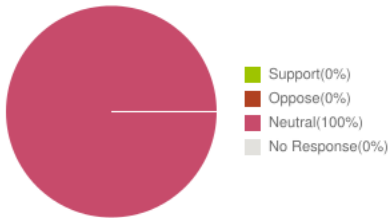
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Overall Sentiment



Agenda Item: eComments for 7A. 20-718 Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Competitive Applications

Overall Sentiment



Jacob Patterson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:54am 05-12-20

I object to providing additional funding to the West Company to cover their overhead costs rather than funding activities directly managed by the City. West Co receives a lot of funding from the County that is somewhat redundant to the funding it could receive from the City if they execute the potential program on behalf of the City. Because we have a significant budget shortfalls that make covering the City's operating expenses difficult and we have furloughed staff, I support funding the City.