

Town of Alpine Travel and Tourism 250 River Circle Drive Alpine, WY 83128

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Thank you for the opportunity to apply for your Grant. The Alpine Fire Department would appreciate the consideration of funding a Fire Blanket and two Portable Radios. The AFD has responded to the most calls of any Fire Department in Lincoln County. A vast majority of the calls are motor vehicle accidents. Alpine experiences an increase in Travelers either staying in Alpine or passing through, which increases the volume of accidents. Normal accidents scene times take about two hours of the volunteer's time. After caring for the victims and vehicles, time is spent controlling traffic and cleaning debris, keeping drivers moving safely and in a timely manner. Communication is the most important action in any fire scene safety. AFD provides members on each side of the accident with stop signs and must communicate with the member at the other end of the accident to provide for safe traffic flow. A few AFD members do not have a compatible radio to communicate.

The Alpine Fire Department is asking for two new programmed portable radios to provide a safe service to both the Drivers and the Firefighters. The AFD is also asking for a Fire Blanket to help mitigate an electric vehicle fire. If an electric vehicle catches fire, it will take at least 20,000 gallons of water to attempt to cool the batteries down. Providing that much water would cause long traffic congestion, a water shuttle evolution, and toxic water runoff. A Fire Blanket is a product to cover the vehicle and smother out the fire and intermittently cool down with minimal water. Eliminating smoke and toxic water runoff while keeping the roadway open and traffic flowing.

Thank you for your consideration and steady support.

Mike Vogt Fire Chief Alpine Fire Department