

Staff Report

Subject: Georgia-Pacific Community Support
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Department: County Manager
Meeting Date: 08/20/2024
Item Description: Consideration for ECBOC to approve the application of Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding

Summary Recommendation:

Staff requests consideration for ECBOC to approve the Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding application.

Executive Summary:

Effingham County Fire Rescue needs additional safety equipment to protect our firefighters during emergency responses. Currently, our standard personal protective equipment does not include ballistic vests or body armor, which are essential for ensuring the safety of our personnel when responding to potentially violent incidents such as domestic violence cases, emotionally unstable patients, and scenes involving law enforcement. A quote from Fireline, Inc. outlines the cost of the necessary equipment, totaling \$94,214.00. This project seeks to secure funding from Georgia-Pacific to cover these costs.

Background:

1. There is no cost share requirement.
2. The requested amount is \$94,214.00

Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:

1. Approve ECBOC's application for Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding
2. Do not approve the application for Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1—Approve the application for Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Attachments:

1. Georgia-Pacific Community Support Funding Request Letter
2. FireLine, Inc. Quote