Lefthand Fire Protection District Awarded $15,000 for Patient Monitoring and Defibrillation Equipment

Background

The Lefthand Fire Protection District, located in Boulder County, Colorado, is similar to many Fire Departments across the United States. They are a department made up largely of volunteers, striving to make their community a safer place. They provide fire protection, rescue, accident, HazMat, and EMS response service to over 741 square miles, 70% of which is public land and national forest. They protect not only their own residents, but each of their neighboring districts through mutual aid; they are committed to the health and safety of their community.

Challenge

Amid the recession, the Lefthand Fire Protection District’s annual budget tightened. With 95% of revenue coming from their tax base, they experienced a loss of $41,000 from their annual budget. A loss that amounted to decreased firefighting and response capability. The equipment they owned was aging, battered, and unreliable – particularly their patient monitoring and defibrillation tools. In a county where 11% of the population is over the age of 65 and ambulance response time ranged from 20 to 45 minutes due to distance, accurate patient monitoring, assessment, and treatment were paramount. The District knew they needed to both protect their citizens as well as their department. They proactively sought solutions, identifying grants as the ideal option. However, their previously mixed success and limited time created a challenge of its own.

Solution

The Lefthand Fire Protection District turned to the experts at FireGrantsHelp because they wanted a team with a demonstrated track record in successful grant awards with an approval rate a remarkable 60% higher than the national average. The FireGrantsHelp team has been collectively responsible for over $35 million in grant awards. Our grant writers are all active firefighters and current EMS responders with 50+ years of combined grant writing experience and a collective $100 million in grant projects awarded to prove it. FireGrantsHelp’s fees are flat, affordable, and they do not take a percentage of an award. This makes FireGrantsHelp an appealing option for many departments across the US, including the Lefthand Fire Protection District, who were unable to afford a significant upfront investment in grant writing services and need to retain as much of their grant award as possible.

Results

The Lefthand Fire Protection District collaborated with the FireGrantsHelp Team and was awarded for the full requested amount of $15,000 for patient monitoring and defibrillation equipment! Speaking with Chris, the Chief of Lefthand Fire Protection District, it is clear that the equipment has made a huge improvement. They have already been able to attribute the equipment to 2 lives saved and recall the experience working with FireGrantsHelp as a positive one. This year the Lefthand Fire Protection District turned to FireGrantsHelp again for their Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant application and we couldn’t be happier to help and more eager for 2014 awards to be announced!

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