



## LOOKINGGLASS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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### **2021/2022 BUDGET MESSAGE**

May 3, 2021

1. The proposed budget for the LRFD for fiscal year 2021-2022 is hereby submitted to the Budget Committee. The attached budget as submitted by the Fire Chief to the Budget Officer shows resources and expenditures based on historical data and planned operations.
2. As a result of Measure 50, the taxable assessed valuation for existing property is limited to a maximum 3% annual increase after 1997. Additionally, taxable assessed value will not exceed real market value (RMV). The tax base for the 2021-2022 budget will be based on an expected 3.0% growth in taxable valuation of the District minus discounts and non-payments. The result will be a corresponding small increase in District revenue.
3. The proposed budget includes funds to purchase a replacement for Engine 1031 and replacing mobile and portable radios using FEMA Grant funding in the amount of \$465,500. VFA Grant funding in the amount of \$19,064 for PPE, training, fire equipment, and vehicle maintenance and repair is also proposed.
4. This proposed budget includes capital project funds for minor asphalt maintenance, storage cabinets, and finishing an exterior carport shelter. There is also proposed capital outlay to replace the oil heating system with natural gas heating using a SDAO matching grant (50%). The total budgeted is \$8,700.
5. The budget is separated into a General Fund, an Equipment Reserve Fund, and a Grant Fund. This format simplifies the budgeting process while meeting or exceeding all Department of Revenue requirements. In the past few years, changes have been made in accordance with Department of Revenue recommendations involving operating contingencies, unappropriated balances, and monies reserved for future use.
6. The District will continue to be required to submit, as an annual review, an "in lieu of" financial statement to the Office of the Secretary of State based on District revenue and budgeting. There will not be a need for an official audit in the coming Fiscal Year as our projected expenditures will be below the threshold amount of \$150,000.