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Bernalillo County Fire Station 36 Renovation

\$600,000 for Fire Station 36 (located at 501 Bear canyon Ln. NE) is requested for phase 1 improvements to purchase and install a new HVAC system, new windows, and upgraded surfaces in the sleeping quarters.

Since its inception, BCFD has grown from a combination department with only 1 to 2 paid firefighters at each station working from 7 am to 5pm Monday thru Friday to its current level of a fully career department which staffs anywhere from 5-9 career firefighters per station 24 hours a day 365 days a year. With the anticipation of future growth, Station 36 should house up to 12 career personnel.

Station 36 was initially designed to accommodate volunteer firefighters with the primary goal of providing office space, storage and classroom facilities. As the department has grown BCFD's priorities have shifted to provide more living space to accommodate the workforce. With an increase in the number of female firefighters being hired by BCFD, a need for facilities to accommodate them has become necessary. Station 36 is currently limited in lavatory space, which makes it a high priority for remodel.

Fire Station 36 is outdated in many ways. It was built in the late 1970's and does not conform to energy efficiency standards employed in most of the fire stations in Bernalillo County. A \$600,000 capital outlay grant will help renovate the station to bring it into compliance with current energy efficiency standards. Renovation will also bring station 36 into compliance with current firefighter life safety standards identified by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These standards address living quarters and apparatus bay initiatives, which ensure that firefighters are not breathing in harmful exhaust fumes from the apparatus within the fire station.

The Bernalillo County Fire Department (BCFD) is a paid professional fire department in North-Central New Mexico. Bernalillo County encompasses 1,160 square miles with a population of approximately 675,000. BCFD operates 12 full-time paid fire stations throughout the county with 248 paid professional firefighters.

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