

JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET PRESENTATION FY 2024-25

“Always Ready”



MISSION STATEMENT

- The Jackson Fire Department is committed to providing high quality Fire and Life Safety Services to the citizens and visitors of Jackson by implementing aggressive fire suppression, community-based fire safety programs, comprehensive prevention inspections, and pre-emergency planning.



“ALWAYS READY”

TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



MORE OF OUR COMMUNITY HEROES



CORE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Emergency Preparedness Training
- Hands-Only CPR Training
- JFD Citizen's Fire Academy
- JFD Kid's Academy



CALL STATS

Since October 1, 2023 Jackson Fire Department responded to 10,492 fire and emergency medical alarms.

- Medical - 5,200
- Fire - 4,800
- Other - 500



NOTABLES

- JFD partnered with the City Attorney Office to implement a Cost Recovery Program aimed to generate approximately \$500,000 annually.
- JFD Office of Fire Marshal completed 2,400 fire inspections resulting in the collection of fees to total \$117,945
- Jackson Fire Department seeks to raise salaries of all fire personnel to be comparable with other local Public Safety entities



CURRENT JFD BUDGETED POSITIONS

- Fire Administration – 7
- Emergency Services Division – 293
- Fire Loss Management – 6
- Arson & Internal Affairs – 6
- Training Safety Research and Development – 10
- Fire Garage - 6



BUDGET

The department's current budgeting level is \$24,250,475 of which 93% is for personal services and 7% is for operational needs.

Overtime still proposes a challenge but we are working to curtail it by:

- Enhancing job recruitment through job fairs and different hiring platforms (FB, IG, Posters, TV, etc.)
- Conducting on the job training to new FFI trainees before allowing them to attend the MSFA (MS State Fire Academy)
- The department is continuing to promote in the ranks of District Chiefs, Captains, Relief Driver Operators and Firefighter II's



EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Jackson Fire Department's budget is supplemented by the Fire Rebate Fund commonly referred to as Fund 10-Fire Protection and is primarily used to fund the department's master lease program for the purchase of new fire engines. The amount is received from the Mississippi Insurance Department and is based on the insurance rate. The department is estimated to receive \$993,021 in late August 2024.
- JFD collaborated with the City of Jackson Planning Department to secure funds to purchase equipment and supplies with the Community Development Block Grant funding commonly know as CDBG. The cost of this project is \$887,420.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Completion of Fire Station 20

This project equaled to \$3,080,000 funding sources were as follows:

- Community Development Block Grant -\$2,320,000
- MS Insurance Rebate Fund (Fund 10)- \$760,000



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONTINUED

The department is slated to progressively rehab Fire Station 7 and Fire Station 23 with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.



JFD BUDGET REQUESTS

In order to utilize our funding in the most effective and efficient method we propose additional funding to the following lines:

- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Travel
- Uniforms
- Supplies
- Matching Grant Funds



JFD BUDGET REQUESTS PURPOSE

- Motor Vehicle Repair – need added funding to cover surge in pricing for vehicle repairs and maintenance
- Travel – will require extra funding for entry level personnel to travel for mandatory training courses
- Uniforms – need extra funding to cover costs to purchase uniforms for all fire personnel to comply with uniform standards
- Supplies – will require additional funding to keep up with rising cost of inflation
- Matching Grant Funds – will be applying for grant funding that may require a match



JFD BUDGET REQUEST FUNDING

The following JFD budget requests will be funded from Other

Professional Services:

(with the exception of Matching Grant Funds)

- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Travel
- Uniforms
- Supplies
- Matching Grant Funds*



CLOSING REMARKS:

- The Jackson Fire Department is committed to excellence and professional accountability. We seek to remain respected by our citizens throughout our community. We value the lives and property that we are entrusted to protect.
- With gratitude and grace, the Jackson Fire Department is appreciative of the support and advocacy of the Administration and the City Council. We have procured much needed equipment and apparatus, enhanced training and staffing opportunities. So with your continued support we can strive to increase our fire rating and have the tools needed to implement a plan of action for overtime concerns.



QUESTIONS?

