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## Request for Vehicle Purchase from ARPA

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County Board Members -

I would like to request for the Franklin County Board to consider allowing my office to utilize funds from the ARPA to purchase an emergency response/command vehicle. I am proposing this as a joint funding project between the ARPA fund and our Emergency Management Special Operations Fund. I have secured a state bid price for a Ford Expedition through one of the only state bid contractors that I could find. Due to demand and lack of production no local dealers could get the special service vehicle (SSV) we need. A SSV is a vehicle specifically designed for emergency response and offers lesser "top of the line" options which ultimately reduces the price. Morrow Brothers orders a large quantity of government vehicles so they are the best current option. They projected they would have a vehicle available around spring/summertime.

### Funding Proposal:

- Funding from ARPA to purchase the vehicle. (see attached) \$56,820.00
- Funding from EMA Special Operations Fund (Fund 634) will pay for all equipment & IT related costs (Radios, Lights, Sirens, Computer System with Mobile Data/911 Computer Aided Dispatch, Consoles, & Rear Command Module). I estimate this will fall somewhere in the range of \$10,000 to \$15,000. The EMA Special Operations Fund is made up of funds deposited from the Emergency Management Performance Grant and other revenues provided to my office specifically earmarked for the purpose of emergency management. Some equipment currently in service within the FCEMA fleet will be used to offset costs when possible.

**Note: This project will not cause expenditures from our FY2023 allotted general fund budget.**

I have included photos of the current command vehicle I drive daily. It is a 2010 Ford Expedition with over 142,000 miles. This vehicle is used often as rapid response command post for emergencies countywide and is also my daily use vehicle. I do not consider the current vehicle to be unsafe, however due to its age it is starting to have increased maintenance issues. I would like to take the opportunity to move it out of our daily use pool to a stand by vehicle for our Bureau of Operations. I will then release two 2007 Chevrolet Impalas from our fleet. The impalas were donated to us by the City of West Frankfort and are having ongoing maintenance issues. I would like to donate them to other public safety agencies in Franklin County that could use them and maintain them as a front line response vehicles. These actions will hopefully decrease spending for maintenance from our general fund budget.

### New vs. Used Vehicles:

The used vehicle market pricing for SSV SUVs is extremely high right now. High mileage used vehicles are available; however they are costly (around 65-75% of the price of new one) and pose an increased risk for ongoing maintenance issues and lack a warranty option. If a new vehicle is purchased, the estimated lifespan on the new vehicle would be 10 years+.

I have attached photos of my current vehicle that will be somewhat "replaced" on our front line as well as the proposal from Morrow Brothers.

I respectfully ask the Board to consider approving the ARPA funds for this project and thank you in advance for your consideration and support. I am available at any time (618-218-3509) to discuss the details of this proposal or any other questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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