

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Sonoma County Fire District

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

68-0117710

* c. Organizational DUNS:

5566522460000

d. Address:

* Street1:

14100 Armstrong Woods Road

Street2:

* City:

Guerneville

County/Parish:

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

95446

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Terri

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Bolduc

Suffix:

Title:

Finance Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

Officer

* Telephone Number:

(707) 838-1170

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(707) 838-1173

* Email:

tbolduc@sonomacountyfd.org

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

D: Special District Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

USDA Rural Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

10.766

CFDA Title:

Community Facility Loans and Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Communications Equipment

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="56,925.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="46,575.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="103,500.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

APPLICANT'S FEASIBILITY REPORT

1. Existing Facility. Briefly describe what facilities you currently have or how service is currently provided.

The Sonoma County Fire District- Station 9 covers approximately 20 square miles and serves the populations of Guerneville, Rio Nido, Oddfellows Park, Vacation Beach, Guerneville Park and the Armstrong Valley. The District's Advanced Life Support Ambulance also serves the neighboring areas of Forestville, Monte Rio, Cazadero, Duncan's Mills and Jenner. Calls for emergency response services from this station exceed 1700 calls for service per year. The District currently has a Type 1 Fire Engine, a Type 3 Fire Engine, a Utility Vehicle, one primary ambulance and one reserve ambulance providing services from the station located in Guerneville, CA. The area has a history of federally declared disasters (floods and wildfires). Most recently the Walbridge wildfire in 2020 significantly threatened the communities within this service area.

2. Proposed Facility. Describe what you want to purchase or construct. Indicate what the facility will be used for, approximate size, and expected method of procurement. For buildings indicate location, basic materials or type of construction, and attach a sketch or working drawings. For items of major equipment, indicate new or used, existing or custom-built, and any special features.

The District respectfully requests funding to purchase ten(10) Portable Radios with accompanying accessories and twenty (20) Mobile Radios with accessories. This request would provide the opportunity to enhance the communication capabilities in the district. The new radios, if funded would provide for better reception and increased signal to transmit critical communications to our Dispatch Center and to partnering agencies who provide backup responses into our jurisdiction.

3. Need for the Facility. Indicate why the proposed facility is needed.

Most of the area served is rural, rugged and mountainous. The geographic challenges of the district create operational issues with emergency radio communications. Current older technology radios have difficulty with signal reception, which inhibits our incoming and outgoing radio transmissions. The requested radios meet new standardization specifications and will allow for us to have interoperability capabilities with CalFire and other fire services partner agencies. Good on scene communications helps to mitigate incidents faster by communicating and leveraging the appropriate resources needed on the event. The investment in updated communication technology would increase our ability to serve the rural community and also would increase firefighter safety.

4. Service Area. Indicate what area the proposed facility will serve and, if known, the population or number of families served.

The Sonoma County Fire District- Station 9 covers approximately 20 square miles and serves the populations of Guerneville, Rio Nido, Oddfellows Park, Vacation Beach, Guerneville Park and the Armstrong Valley. The population is estimated at 4500, and the demographic information available for Guerneville, CA indicates that 42% of the population are over 55 years old, and 12% are age 19 or under.

5. Cost Estimate.

Development and construction.....	\$ _____
Land and rights.....	_____
Legal fees.....	_____
Architect and Engineer.....	_____
Equipment.....	103,500.00
Refinancing.....	_____
Other (describe)	_____
Total.....	<u>103,500.00</u>

6. Income. List the sources and estimate the amount of expected revenue for a typical year.

The Sonoma County Fire District receives the following revenue: Property Taxes \$19,032,000; Intergovernmental Revenue \$5,588,800; Charges for Services \$6,071,500; Donations/Reimbursements \$137,000; and Miscellaneous Revenue \$76,500. The total revenue \$30,905,800 received is utilized to provide emergency response services to ten different communities.

The District is not currently able to fund the significant capital needs of the district which include some equipment, facilities and apparatus. Four devastating, federally declared wildfire disasters since 2017 have had significant fiscal impacts on Fire Districts within Sonoma County. These major wildfires each were within our district boundaries and has impacted the property tax revenue base which we rely on to provide our public safety services. Our District has taken the lead in Fire District consolidations to regain some fiscal sustainability. Our annual revenue is currently dedicated to salary and benefits, and the basic operational costs of providing emergency response to the communities that we serve.

7. Other Funds. List the sources and amount of funds that may be available other than from USDA, to fund part of the project (such as applicant's contributions, commercial loans, or loans or grants from other government agencies).

The District would contribute the 45% of the project costs from fire district matching funds.

8. Operating History. If you have operated a similar facility, attach audits, financial statements, or lists of income and expenses for the past five years.

9. Signature and Title of Applicant Official	Date 09-20-2022
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