



Central Falls
Advisory Council
for funding from
The American
Rescue Plan

CENTRAL FALLS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

July 30, 2021

In May of 2021, Mayor Maria Rivera of the City of Central Falls, appointed 7 professionals, residents and community-imbedded, to advise her as to how to spend the \$5.7M that is to be received from the federal government for the purposes of supporting the needs of the residents of the city. The group was to meet for approximately 8 weeks and a report was to be produced. This body of work is embodied in these pages.

Drafted by Robert Billington, Ed.D., Committee Member

ARPA Funding Guidance:

General Overview

The US Department of the Treasury broke funding requirements into seven categories, as listed below. All funds used must fall into one of these specific definitions.

What CAN the funding be spent on?

- **Public Health:** Supporting public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
- **Addressing Negative Economic Impacts:** Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- **Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities:** Addressing economic disparities that existed prior to and were amplified by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- **Public Sector Revenue Replacement:** Replacing lost public sector revenue, and allowing cities to use this funding to provide government services outside the stated guidelines.
- **Premium Pay:** Providing premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
- **Infrastructure:** Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.
- **Administrative:** Covering administrative costs associated with COVID-19 public health emergency assistance programs.

What CAN'T the funding be spent on?

- **Pension Costs:** Recipients may not deposit funds into a pension fund.
- **Offset Reduction in Net Tax Revenue:** Recipients that are states or territories may not use funds to offset a reduction in net tax revenue caused by the recipient's change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation.
- **Non-Federal Match:** Recipients may not use funds as non-federal match where prohibited.
- **Rainy Day Funds:** Recipients generally may not use funds directly to service debt, satisfy a judgment or settlement, or contribute to a "rainy day" fund.
- **General Infrastructure (unless specified):** A general infrastructure project, like paving roads and bridges, is not a permissible use of ARPA funds, unless the project responded to a specific pandemic public health need, such as ventilation improvements, or a specific negative economic impact, such as affordable housing.

The members would be called the American Rescue Plan Advisory Council. It was staffed by Zuleyma Gomez, the Chief of Staff, for Mayor Rivera.

Members of this committee are:

Freeman Freeman, Central Falls Citizen
Denise DeBarros, Director of Family Supports, Central Falls School District
Kevin Kazarian, General Manager, Spumonis Restaurant
Jackie Parra, Coordinator of Human Resources, Central Falls School District
Martin Rivera Silva, Designer
Tomas Avila, Real Estate Broker
Robert Billington, Ed.D. President, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council Inc.

The report was requested to be in the Mayor's hands by July 30, 2021

The funds originated from the US Department of the Treasury via 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77 titled: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Source federal documents used for the Committee's reference:

[Interim Final Rule \(treasury.gov\)](https://www.treasury.gov/interim-final-rule)

[SLFRPFAQ.pdf \(treasury.gov\)](https://www.treasury.gov/interim-final-rule/SLFRPFAQ.pdf)

The Committee met first on Wednesday June 9th at 5pm. Mayor Rivera thanked the group and introduced us to our work and our charged responsibilities.

Reports were delivered via ZOOM from the following City Departments and their leaders. The reports are attached.

Central Falls DPW / Code Enforcement, Jean Barros by Thom Deller
Central Falls Fire Department, Fire Chief Scott Mello
Office of Constituent Services & Health, Wanda Casino
Central Falls Legal Department, Matt Jerzyk
Central Falls Planning Department, Thom Deller
Central Falls Police Department, Colonel Anthony Roberson
Central Falls Parks and Recreation, Alberto Rivas
Central Falls City Clerk, Jahaira Rodriguez and Alberto DeBurgo

All city presenters offered important information to the Committee. Their professionalism showed in every presentation. The city, even with its limited resources, has a good executive staff ensuring that residents get the most for their tax dollars.

The Committee met five times since their first meeting (6/17, 6/30, 7/8, 7/20 and 7/28). The funds needed by each department and requested, far outweighed the available funds. Mayor Rivera will have a difficult job assigning these funds. The priorities of each department head will have to be made and the most efficient use of the funds decided. There is just so much need in Central Falls. These funds will help greatly but they are not sufficient.

The Committee met on July 20 at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to hear from the citizenry regarding the spending of the funds. Testimony from this meeting were collected by the Chief of Staff and recorded. Testimony is attached.

The committee, after deliberating on July 28, is recommending the following funds be provided to the departments. Due to the technical nature of the work of each department, the prioritization of what funds go where is better left to the professionals in charge. Most departments did not receive the funds they requested, but due to the surmountable needs the city has, the committee felt it better to fund all departments at a reduced rate with the hope that they will use these funds as a base to attract additional funding.

Summary of Central Falls Individual Department Requests

Office of Constituent Services and Health

Emergency Fund for gift cards due to house fire etc.
Educational workshops, lead poisoning etc
Community Health Workers training
Vaccination incentives

Parks and Recreation

Fields and Parks Completions and Improvements
Dexter Plaza
River Island Park
Garfield Playground
Sacred Heart Park
Cowden Court
Macomber Stadium
Louis Yip Stadium
Higginson Park

DPW and Planning

Road Paving
Brook Street Retaining Wall
Public Works Equipment
Expansion of Public Works Site
Sewer Repair and Study
Streets and Sidewalk re pavement
Redevelopment Agency

Police Department

Updated Radios
New Tasers
Unmarked Vehicles
Digitize Records
New Computers
Remodel Men's locker room
Sallyport Structural issues
Air and Heating Issues
Sonic Weapons cleaning System
Crowd Control Gear

Fire Department

- New Engine Truck
- Replace Car 3
- Replace Car 2
- Replace Truck 1

Law Department

- Affordable Housing (along with RI Housing)
- Millennium Houses (for CF young professionals)
- Housing for Domestic Violence residents

Clerk Office

- Laptop computers (3)
- Handicap access door
- Digitize all papers records/ documents (old books)
- Reparations in Fire and Police Department building

Committee Recommendations:

Community Outreach	\$ 50,000
Police Department -	\$ 450,000
Fire Department -	\$ 700,000
Planning Department -	\$ 900,000
Department of Public Works -	\$ 1,700,000
Office of Constituents -	\$ 120,000
Legal Department -	\$ 500,000
Parks and Recreation -	\$ 250,000
City Clerk -	\$ 150,000
2023 Budget -	<u>\$ 650,000</u>
Total	\$ 5,470,000

The Committee felt that \$650,000 should be set aside to fund several of the projects suggested by citizens through the 2023 budget.

Several Central Falls city departments have included in their requests funds for digitizing records. In the very best use of funds requested for this extremely important need, perhaps there should be research into Central Falls having one centralized digitizing resource and company server provider. This is to eliminate different server providers with different formats of digitizing. This might effect a more efficient use of monies requested and provide increased funding for the citizenry benefits part of the report.

The committee became a group that took its responsibilities seriously. It stands ready to assist the Mayor at any time. If further clarification is necessary on any items, the committee will be ready to serve.

End

ADDENDA

Communications, Public Testimony and Submitted Reports

COMMUNICATIONS

On Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 9:14 AM Zuleyma Gomez <zgomez@centralfallsri.us> wrote:

Hello ARP Advisory Council,

Tonight is the Public Hearing Meeting at City Hall—Council Chambers, 2nd Floor. It will start at 6:30PM so if you could get there 10 minutes prior that would be great.

Agenda will be as follows:

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2. Chief of Staff will open it up
3. Members to introduce themselves
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

P.S—We are having the Colombian Flag Raising at 6PM outside of City Hall. Feel free to stop by if you'd like to attend.

See you all later tonight and thank you again for your time and efforts!

Zuleyma Gomez

Chief of Staff

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Zuleyma Gomez (zgomez@centralfallsri.us)

To:you (Bcc) + 1 more [Details](#)

Hello,

Thank you very much for accepting to be a part of Mayor Rivera's American Rescue Plan Advisory Council. This committee will work together to provide the city and Mayor recommendations on how we should use federal dollars. Below you will find information and links to ARP documents. Our first meeting will be with myself, Mayor, and our Deputy Director of Finance to go over ARP, introductions, and expectations of the group. This process should not be more than a 2-month commitment and all meetings will be via ZOOM. I will be setting that up and be your point of contact.

Our first Zoom meeting will be **Wednesday, June 9th at 5PM or 6PM**. Please advise which time or if both work so I can plan the Zoom accordingly. **First assignment: review the ARP link and dissecting the ARP guidelines . We will be reviewing together on our first call.**

CENTRAL FALLS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

GOAL: ON MAY 9, 2021 MAYOR MARIA RIVERA ORDERED & CREATED THE CENTRAL FALLS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. THE ADVISORY SHALL CONSIST OF 7 MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, OF WHICH 4 SHALL BE CF RESIDENTS AND SHALL MEET AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COUNSEL RELATIVE TO THE SPENDING OF ARP MONIES. THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING SPENDING PRIORITIES.

1. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Amount City of Central Falls will receive \$5.7 Million

- A. ARP Rules, Regulations Packet & FAQ : [Interim Final Rule \(treasury.gov\)](#) & [SLFRPFAQ.pdf \(treasury.gov\)](#)

2. MEMBERS

- A. Tomas Avila
- B. Martin Rivera
- C. Denise Debars
- D. Kevin Kazarian
- E. Freeman Freeman
- F. Bob Billington
- G. Jackie Parra

3. TIME COMMITMENT (VIA ZOOM).

- A. 8 Weeks
- B. Have 5-6 meetings total (3 will be with City Directors to go over wish list & 1 Public Hearing Meeting to hear community's input)
- C. Last meeting will be with Mayor, Chief of Staff, and Finance Director and community to present the Committee's recommendation.
- D. Send Written Report to Mayor by July 30th.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out on my cell: 401-464-1148.

Thank you again,

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MARIA RIVERA
MAYOR



ZULEYMA GOMEZ
CHIEF OF STAFF

CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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CENTRAL FALLS, RI 02863

OFFICE: (401) 727-7474

July 20, 2021

Dear ARP Advisory Council,

We want to thank you again for taking part of this Advisory Council. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated.


As a reminder, the City received \$5.7 million from the American Rescue Plan monies and we hope to spend the money wisely, while keeping in mind the needs of our city.

Below you will find all director emails and numbers in case you have any additional questions.

- ✕ Finance Director, Mary Signer msigner@centralfallsri.us 401-616-2404
- ✓ DPW/Code Enforcement, ~~Jean Barros~~ jbarros@centralfallsri.us 401-616-2410 Thom Deller
- ✓ Fire Chief, Scott Mello Smello@centralfallsri.us or 401-616-3601
- ✓ Office of Constituent Services & Health, Wanda Casiano wcasiano@centralfallsri.us or 401-616-2451
- ✓ Legal Department, Matt Jerzyk mjerzyk@centralfallsri.us or 401-556-7412
- ✓ Planning Department, Thom Deller tdeller@centralfallsri.us or 401-616-2481
- ✓ Colonel Anthony Roberson, aroberson@cfpd.centralfallsri.gov or 401-616-2550
- ✓ Parks & Recreation, Alberto Rivas arivas@centralfallsri.us or 401-616-2442

Please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be sending everyone an example of another city who did a similar report. We plan to share the report to the public and post it on the city website.

Thank you,


Zuleyma Gomez
Chief of Staff

✓ City Clerks Office - Jahaira Rodriguez
Alberto De Burgo

List of people opinions on what to spend 5.7mil

Ana Cecilia Liriano - create a program to help moms leave factory job, and create some kind of hands on job that isnt factory work.

Pamela Galva - most fields got updated (macomber, higginson, etc) but the softball field did not. Would like to see some of that money invested in fixing the softball field

Yeury Galva - I would like to see some of that money to help central falls residents purchase a house in Central Falls. I think alot of people would like to make that first step of being home owners but money could be difficult to have for a downpayment. Maybe some kind of loan? with low interest rate or even a grant

Jonathan Galva - design programs to help people in any way possible (cooking programs, mechanic programs, financial literacy program, etc)

Warner Galva - Invest it in the community in any way possible, not internally but the community (schools, parents, 1 time payment for those affected by covid , etc)

Yageilis Galva - Would love to see more scholarships created to help cf graduates and seniors have more opportunity to actually afford college.

Reyna Ortiz - Create events to bring more closure to our community

Junior Mendes - Create programs to help EVERYONE become successful (how to buy a house, financial literacy, literally anything that can be beneficial in a positive way regardless of how long it takes to accomplish that)

Jhonny Galva - Can't think of something in specific but any change that can help everyone is a positive change. Kids and Adults

Sleither Felix - have programs to babies to attend to (babies less than 5 years old). I have kids that are young and it makes it super hard for both my wife and I to go to work together because of that

Angel Rivera - Would love them offer more job opportunities

Starling Mercado - Help anyone in Cf become home owners and live up to the American Dream

Jaime Galva - I would love to buy a house soon. But I also know that houses are hard to afford. Maybe a program that can help me get a loan to add to what I have would be nice. It would put my family in a better place. As im sure it would put other families in better places as well

Javier Ramirez - would love to see more sport programs for youths that doesnt require paying a ton of money

Jailson Varela Sanchez - Would love to see some of the money being invested in our youths as they are the future of central falls

Other opinions:

Skating Park con areas de eventos (teatro, casetas, artistas, charlas comunitarias).

Infraestructura.

Arboles en los andenes.

Mas areas verdes.

Programas deportivos para tener a los jovenes involucrados en las canchas nuevas.

Programas educativos despues de escuela.

Pay back any debt we have.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Vernia Carter <vccooking@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 3:41 PM

Subject: Community forum

To: debarrosd@cfschools.net <debarrosd@cfschools.net>

Cc: Zuleyma Gomez <zgomez@centralfallsri.us>

Hi Denise,

I heard through the grapevine there was a community meeting last week regarding the ARP money. I didn't receive any publication regarding the forum.

How was this advertised?

I would like to share with you and the members of the committee some of my concerns:

As the former director of the Central Falls Prevention Coalition and resident a registered voter I have questions!

How was the meeting advertised?

I did not receive any information about this meeting, if I did I would have attended with the youth I am currently working with!

Please don't take my questions personally you as well the other committee members.

There are qualified residents that should have been appointed to the board along with the current members

No Senior citizens (who were born and raised in Central Falls)

No youth representation

There is need for a community center

The baseball field is being destroyed (my grandsons played baseball there. I helped fundraise to purchase a lot of the items that are probably no good) Central Falls had a great baseball program

There is a need for a food pantry that meets the needs of all residents(I started the food pantry at the former community center)

City wide homeless community worker

Police department needs more funding not only for trainings and equipment, community engagement, youth engagement (remember when officer John, Sandy the staff at the community center would take the youth on field trips?)

Fire department needs updated equipment

Items that trash department use to take are left on the streets causing mice, rats ect

My daughters apartment (52 Earle street second floor) was exterminated last week on Tuesday the mice returned (landlord lives I Cumberland)

We my daughter calls she is always made to feel like she is a problem tenant

Residents need to have assistants in how to by property in Central Falls from the city not other agencies (instead of buying in cities

I can go on an on about what is need to keep the residents who love in the community.

If you do not eat and sleep in Central Falls how can you accurately state the needs of the community?

Again please do not take this personally,

I feel that more representation from the residents could have been added to committee.

Best,

Vernia Carter

CITY REPORTS

Good Afternoon,

My name is Wanda Casiano and I am the Director of the Office of Constituent Services and Health for the City of Central Falls.

This is a newly implemented office that was created by Mayor Rivera at the beginning of her term. This office serves as a contact point for all residents and their families to have questions answered regarding resources available to them and where to obtain those resources.

We have been working really hard to allow all residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by closely working with a local RI pharmacy that has been supporting us since the beginning. We were lucky enough to start our vaccination program at the end of December, 2020. This office also works on educating the constituents on the importance of vaccines, keeping each other safe, and the importance of the continuation of COVID-19 testing.

As many may know, or not know, the City of Central Falls was one of the hardest hit cities across the country by COVID-19. It is hard to believe that such a small city is slowly making its way back.

I was able to see the needs and resources that many constituents faced throughout the pandemic such as eviction (leading to homelessness), rental, mortgage, and food assistance. Even till this day we see a lot of residents facing these problems.

We would also like to work on other important aspects that we see here in our city such as lead poisoning, importance of mental health, education, and the increased opioid/drug overuse activity within our community. The implementation of educational workshops/events will allow us to target these specific individuals.

We would like to have the ability to respond quickly to an emergency disaster such as fires, where families will have the ability to have quick access to food markets, pharmacies, and clothes. These incentives will be given in the form of a gift card. We have had 6+ house fires within these past couple of months where many families had to be displaced.

The requests from this office will be:

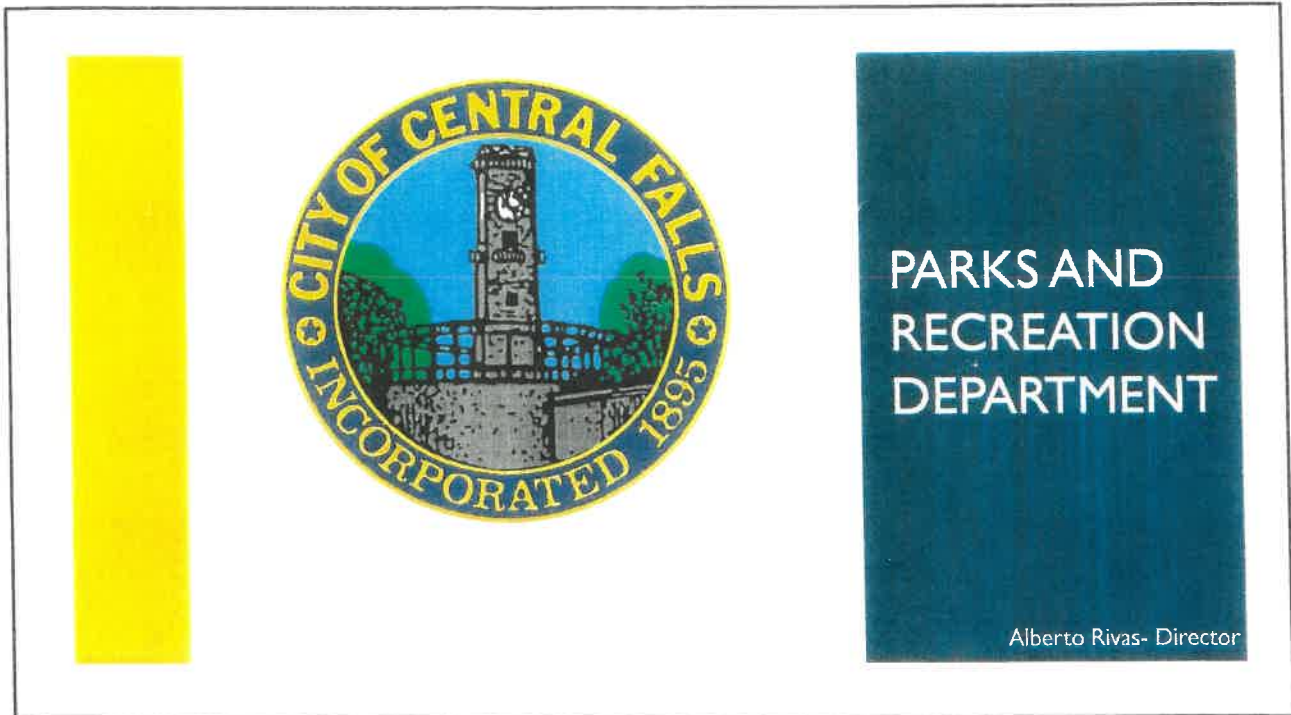
\$10,000- Emergency fund - gifts cards of different locations for basic needs in case of an emergency for our constituents, for example, in case of a house fire we can provide a gift card for additional support for clothes, prepared foods or any other basic need.

\$10,000- Educational Workshops/events (lead poisoning, mental health, drug overuse, community non-violence programs)- A lot of our city residents do not have access to easy transportation to allow them to obtain these resources. Having these workshops locally around the city will allow more CF residents to participate.

\$60,000- Community Health Workers (On site community individuals to combat health disparities) - Develop a group of trained city residents to support and implement different campaigns to promote health and community well-being. The community health workers will become more accessible to the constituents and create a stronger relationship with them

\$40,000- Incentive to get people vaccinated- With the decreased vaccination rate, we want to encourage residents that are hesitant to get vaccinated, so we can get to the 75% of population fully vaccinated. Each person that receives both doses with us, will get a \$50 VISA gift card.

Total: \$120,000



FIELDS AND PARKS PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

DEXTER PLAZA

- Fix floor stone
- Fix wooden gazebo
- Fix fence
- Trash cans



APROX: \$30,000

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FIELDS AND PARKS PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETE

RIVER ISLAND PARK:

- Park sign
- Trash cans



GARFIELD PLAYGROUND:

- Painting the playground
- Trash cans



SACRED HEART:

- Dog equipment
- Trash cans



COWDEN COURT:

- Fence sign
- Trash cans

APROX: \$ 25,000

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FIELDS AND PARKS PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

HIGGINSON PEREZ

Refurbish Concession Stands – roof repairs and internal renovations needed

Renovation of bathrooms

New Scoreboard

Player benches

Trash cans

Parking lot lighting



APROX : \$80,000

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FIELDS AND PARKS PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

LOUIS C.YIP FIELD

Scoreboard

Add player benches

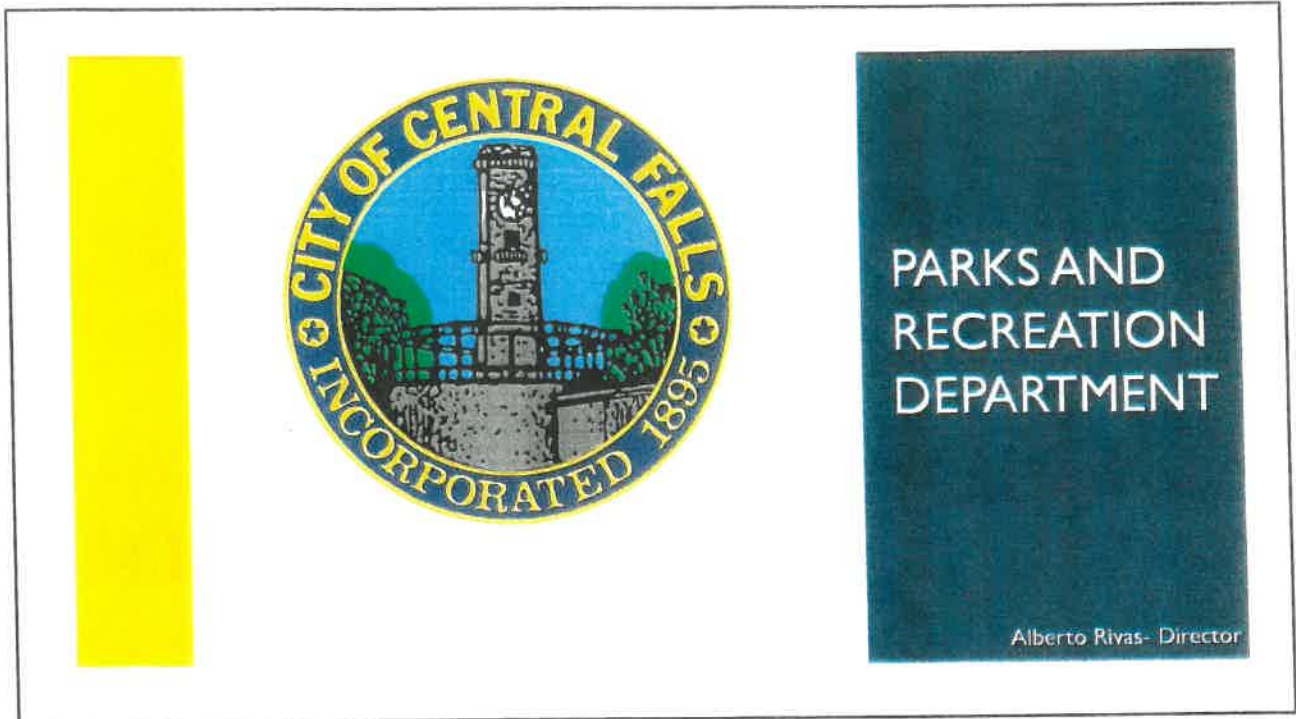
Storage shed

Trash cans



APROX: \$40,000

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FIELDS AND PARKS PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

MACOMBER STADIUM

- Turf Maintenance equipment – the same equipment can be used at both fields
- Security Fencing to control access
- Metal rules signs
- Trash cans
- Restrooms
- Storage shed
- Renovate concession stand (Purchase concession stand equipment)
- Picnic tables
- Portable Press Box
- Water service to concession building

A photograph of a green artificial turf football field. In the background, there is a long, low building with several large doors, likely a concession stand or storage building. The field has white yard lines and a large red and black logo in the center. A yellow caution tape is stretched across the foreground.

APROX: \$100,000

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DPW + Planning

American Rescue Plan Project	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost
Road Paving Project:			
- Completion of project	1	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Macomber & Perez:			
- Gator for Turf Maintenance Equipment:	1	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Macomber:			
NBC)	1	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
- Scoreboard: (reimburse NBC)	1	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
- Fence:	1	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
- Refurbish concession stand:	1	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
- Storage building	2	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Yip Field:			
- New Scoreboard	1	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
- Storage building	1	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Higginson/Perez:			
- Refurbish concession stand	1	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
- Portable Press Box	1	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
- New Scoreboard	1	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
at Brook Street -- ??			
- Storage building	2	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Brook Street Retaining Wall:			
- Participate in wall construction and road repair	1	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
High Street Ballfield Match:			
Site Remediation - Match plus additional cost	5800	\$ 45	\$ 261,000
contingency and design costs (30% x remediation cost)	0.3	\$ 611,000	\$ 183,300

Public Works Equipment

- International 740 cab/chassis or equal with sender & Plow	2	\$	-	\$	-
- GMC 2500 series with lift gate or equal with plow	2	\$	-	\$	-
- Ford F350 3 yard dump or equal - 1 with plow	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Sewer Jet	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Bucket truck	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Commercial vac to hook behind gator	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Riding lawnmower with a bag	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Jack Hammer - 40 lbs	1	\$	-	\$	-
- 14" blade chain saw	1	\$	-	\$	-
- Hybrid city cars	2	\$	-	\$	-
- salt covers	2	\$	-	\$	-

Expansion of Public Works Site

- 1238 High St next to dpw (assessed value x 1.4)	1	\$	285,600	\$	285,600
- Demolition and site preparation	1	\$	50,000	\$	50,000

Sewer Repair & study

	1	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
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Higginson Drainage

- study & design	1	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
- implement	1	\$	350,000	\$	350,000

digitize records

	1	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
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Streets & Sidewalks

- Road reparationment	1	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
- Sidewalk replacement	1	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
- Street Trees	1000	\$	750	\$	750,000

Redevelopment Agency

- Property Acquisition	1	\$	750,000	\$	750,000
- Housing Subsidy	1	\$	500,000	\$	500,000

Police - Colonel Koberson
• 40 Officers.

American Rescue Plan Wish List

Motorola APX 4000 portable radios per unit \$3275 or APX6000 \$3850 (40 units)

New Tasers—Up to \$ 155,000 60 Month Plan

Unmarked Vehicles \$30,000 (5 vehicles)

ZetX forensic cell phone mapping system waiting on quote

Digitize records room

Labor for new servers to be built with virtualization and necessary data transfer.

Purchase new computers to replenish/replace outdated computers and monitors within the admin.

Adobe Pro for all Administrative Staff

Remodel men's locker room

Repair plumbing issues, especially a shutoff to the building (currently inoperable)

Sallyport Structural Issues

Air and Heating Issues

Sonic weapons cleaning system – used by department armorer

Moving target system – moving targets req RIGL

New eye protection

Electronic hearing protection

New gym equipment

Department drone

Dispatch room repairs and upgrades

A 1.25" 12' x 12' mat for use of force and Taser annual training

Update crowd control gear

\$131,000.00	\$154,000.00	Current radios are out of date *To lessen the cost, lease/or purchase only a 20 TASERS and buy each officer a holster. TASERS could be signed out when utilized by patrol and/or during narcotics raids).
\$155,000.00		Purchase of Impala/Fusions Est. \$30,000 could be less \$
\$150,000.00		
\$ -		
\$ -		System would be on microfilm and done by an outside vendor
\$ 38,000.00		To build servers and tranfer all data over from old servers
		HP Desktop = \$1,300 each
		Update current program and add for all admin staff
\$ -		Upgrade and replace old lockers/shower/toilets
\$ -		Main water shut off does not work; no way to shut water off to building in an emergency
\$ -		Crack in floor is also causing damage to generator
\$ -		Current system is failing and in contiueous need for repair
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\$ -		Current inventory is limited; second hand equipment and outdated

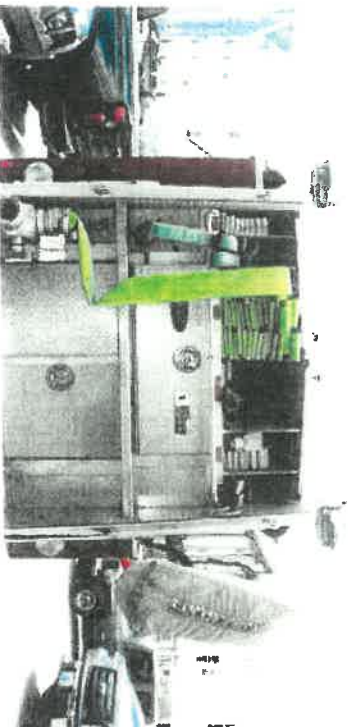
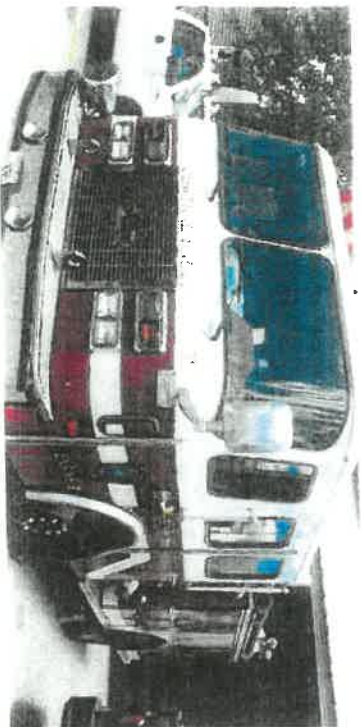


Investing in **YOUR** Fire
Department

Chief of Department
Scott Mello

Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now....





Engine 3

- 30 years of service
- 1992 Emergency One Typhoon
- 1250 Gallon Per Min Pump
- NFPA 1901, Standard for Fire Apparatus
- Maintenance and Repair Cost Rising
- Failed Pump Test
- Make way for newer, safer reserve Engine
- Lacks modern safety features

Engine 3

This truck is presently a reserve Engine, it is placed in service when there is a building fire in the City and frequently used when one of our two frontline Engines are out of service for repairs. It is also frequently used for community events such as touch-a-truck, events in the parks, assisting with water for the community garden etc. this allows us to keep the frontline apparatus available for emergencies.

This Engine was purchased in 1992, by the Lazieh Administration, this was a time when the department was desperate for equipment, the department members would take old trucks from communities around the State that were retiring theirs and use them for parts to rebuild and use as a frontline apparatus here in Central Falls. Before this truck, the last purchase of an Engine was in 1975.

A new Engine would be placed on the frontlines, giving the department members very reliable equipment to deliver the service the community expects. The departments 2001 Fire Engine will be placed in reserve status.

NFPA 1901. Annex D. Guidelines for First-Line and Reserve Fire apparatus

D.1 General.

To maximize fire fighter capabilities and minimize risk of injuries, it is important that fire apparatus be equipped with the latest safety features and operating capabilities. In the last 10 to 15 years, much progress has been made in upgrading functional capabilities and improving the safety features of fire apparatus. Apparatus more than 15 years old might include only a few of the safety upgrades required by the recent editions of the NFPA fire department apparatus standards or the equivalent Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) standards. Because the changes, upgrades, and fine tuning to NFPA 1901 have been truly significant, especially in the area of safety, fire departments should seriously consider the value (or risk) to fire fighters of keeping fire apparatus more than 15 years old in first-line service.

It is recommended that apparatus more than 15 years old that have been properly maintained and that are still in serviceable condition be placed in reserve status; be upgraded in accordance with NFPA 1901; and incorporate as many features as possible of the current fire apparatus standard (see Section 10.2). This will ensure that, while the apparatus might not totally comply with the current editions of the automotive fire apparatus standards, many of the improvements and upgrades required by the current editions of the standards are available to the fire fighters who use the apparatus.

Apparatus that were not manufactured to the applicable NFPA fire apparatus standards or that are over 25 years old should be replaced.

Replace

Car 3

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe:
(20 yrs of age)

82,000 miles

Used for Fire Code
Inspections/ Back up
Shift Commander
Vehicle



Last year, this
area was rotted
and welded by on
duty Fire Fighters
to keep on the
road, saving
taxpayers money



Safety Concerns

Floor Rotted Out

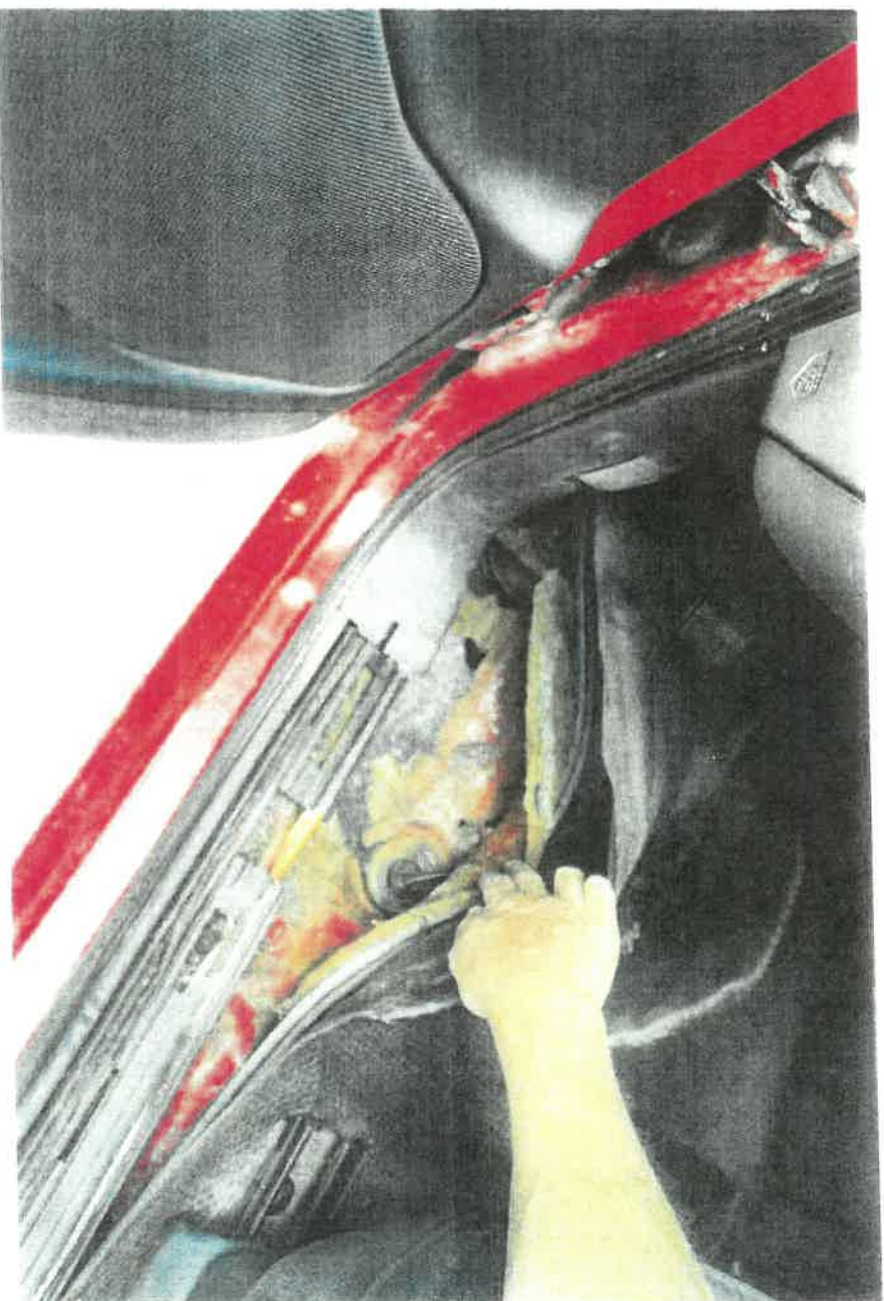
Will not pass next

State inspection

No car for

inspectors to do

fire inspections





Car 3

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe, 81,000 miles.

This vehicle was the frontline Battalion Chief car for ten years before being utilized for multiple support and operational functions, including fire safety inspections, Incident Command/ Battalion Chief Vehicle, and daily errands. Recently, the floorboards have rotted through, last year the wheel well had to be welded with metal plates by firefighters so the vehicle could pass inspection, otherwise there would be no vehicle to use. (Local mechanic has informed us that this was going to be the last inspection it will pass)

Car 2

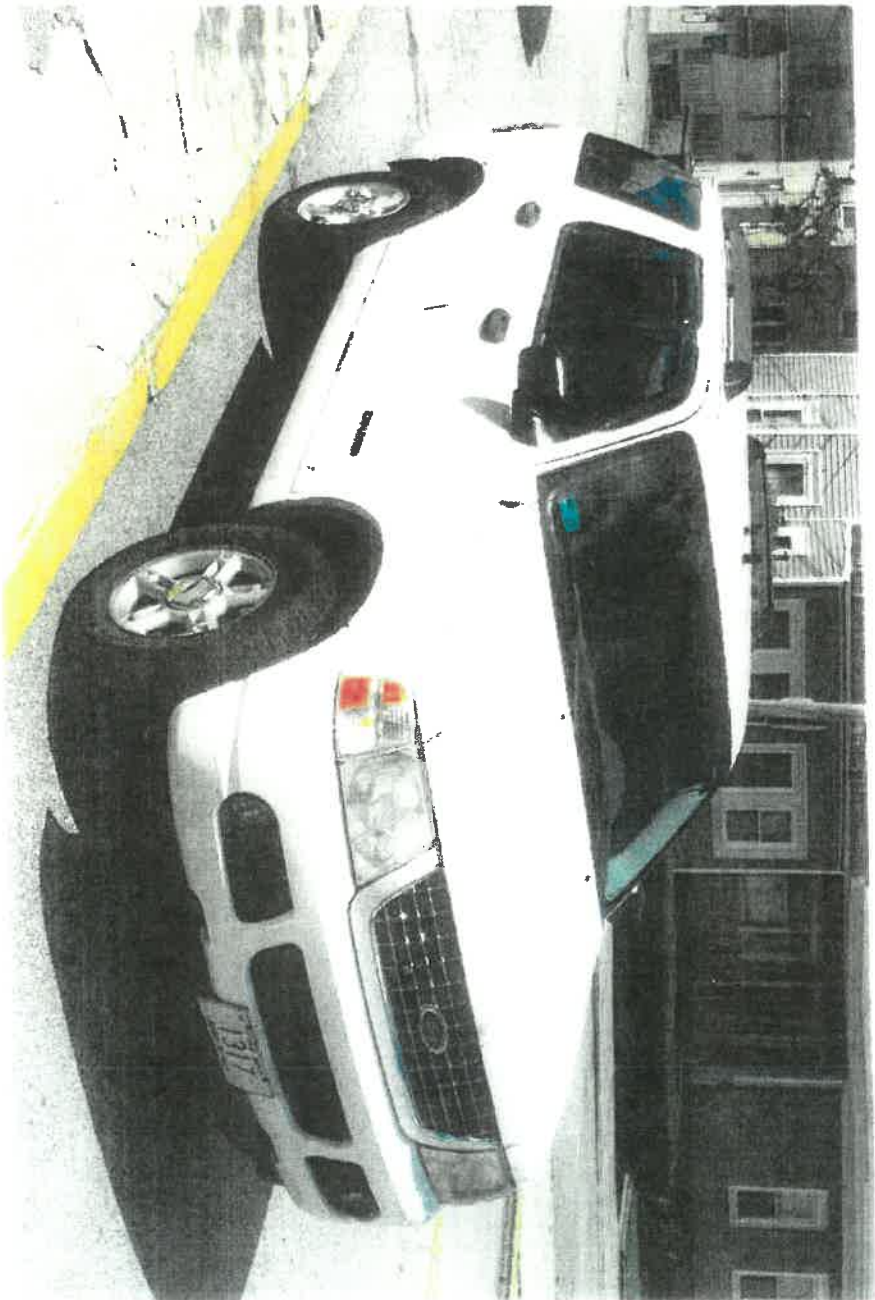
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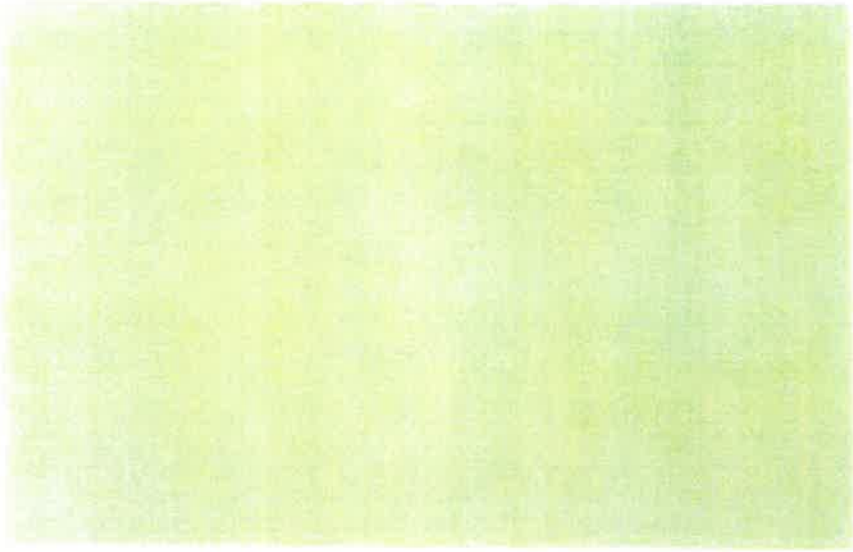
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Rotting Damage





Truck 1

2001 Ford F-150

20 years old

Transmission/
Rear End need
replacing

Major Asset for
Dept.



73,000 Miles



Truck 1 2001, Ford F-150

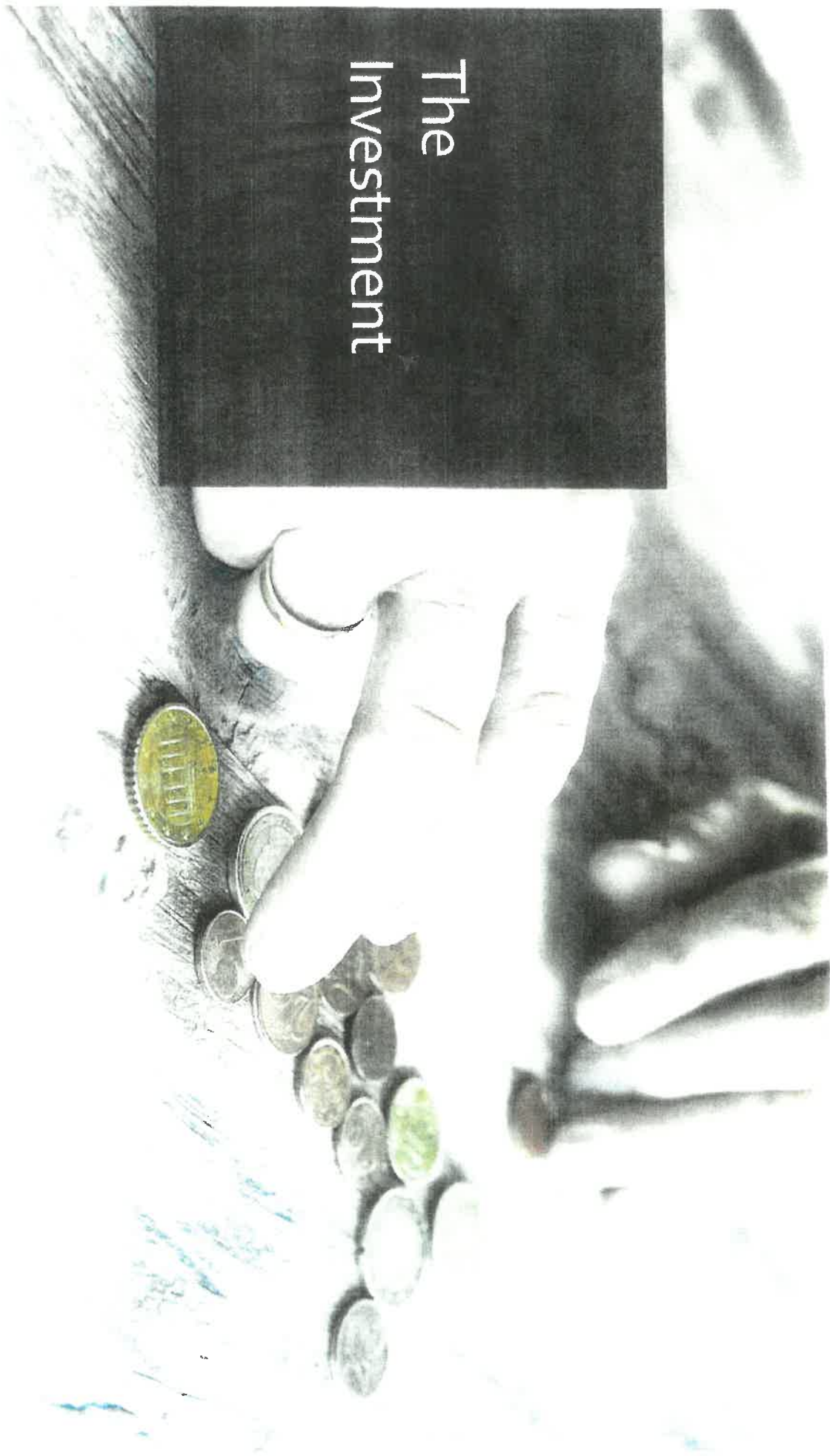
The pickup truck we are replacing is a 2001 Ford 150 (Approx. 73,000), this vehicle recently had the rear-end let go and the cost is over \$6,000 to repair, this leaves us little option but to keep it out of service. The cost of repair is significantly more than the vehicles net worth.

The truck is critical for operational and support services within the department. Operationally, this pick-up truck is the primary vehicle to tow our water rescue boat, this vehicle allows us to launch the Rescue Boat at multiple locations along the Blackstone River, within the Blackstone River National Historical Park, having a four-wheel drive pick-up allows and access to the river where the fire truck would not. We assist the Towns of Cumberland RI, Lincoln, RI and the City of Pawtucket, RI respectively, in providing water rescue operations on the stretch of river along our jurisdiction borders.

The truck is also utilized to transport contaminated equipment from fire scenes, this allows us to reduce the risk to our staff by not transporting this equipment within fire apparatus and unnecessarily expose our personnel to contaminants.

Another critical use for this vehicle is to plow the ramp in front of the fire station during winter storms, allowing for fire apparatus to get in and out of the station safely. The department also maintains the area around the Police/Fire Public Safety Complex, plowing the snow to keep the vehicles from both departments from getting stuck.

The Investment



New Vehicles are
cared for in the
Fire Department,
lasting and
average of 20
years, the time is
now to replace
unsafe
equipment.



\$ 48,000

\$ 30,200 with grant



\$ 50,000

\$ 32,500 with grant



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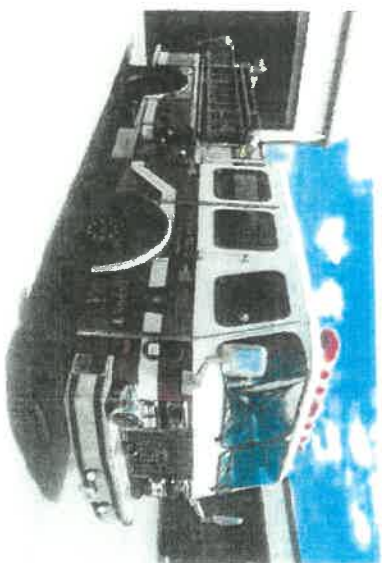
Increased Cost to Replace

2018 Emergency One
\$528,000

New Engine would be similar
2024 Emergency One
\$630,000



1992 Engine 3
\$182,000



The Investment

New Engine	\$ 630,000
Pick-Up Truck	\$ 30,200
Staff Vehicle	\$ 32,500
Staff Vehicle	\$ 32,500
Total Investment	\$ 725,000