

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator
Date: July 5, 2016
Re: BOCC Matching Funds for Public Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to request Council authorize \$45,000 as a match to the BOCC offer of \$45,000 for the purchase of two new patrol vehicles.

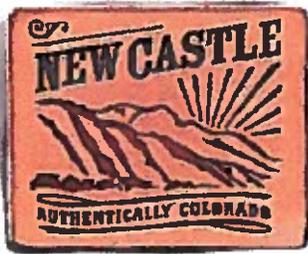
Background and Discussion: As Council is aware, the Commissioners have been considering the Town's funding request for capital equipment and vehicles, see attached letter. At the BOCC's June 37th regular meeting this topic was discussed and although the Commissioners are in belt tightening mode, they offered to allocate \$45,000 to the Town with two requests: first, that the funds go to public safety and the purchase of a patrol vehicle; and second, that the Town match these funds with an additional \$45,000 for a second patrol vehicle.

At the BOCC meeting staff emphasized that the Town Council and community is deeply appreciative of all that the Commissioners do for New Castle – pedestrian bridge, Talbott trail, GFMLD grants: streetscape, police offices, street maintenance, etc. We emphasized that capital projects were glamorous, but capital equipment and vehicles were essential to providing maintenance to capital projects and to the high quality of services provided by our Town. Staff also explained that Council is committed to upgrading the Police Department by improving the PD offices, training opportunities, equipment and vehicles.

Commissioner Samson reminded staff that GFMLD had another grant funding round in August and encouraged New Castle to apply again. At this time, staff expects to resubmit the capital vehicle and equipment grant. As Council is aware, the PD is in need of five quality vehicles to begin its vehicle rotation program in a manner that Public Works and Utility's is doing.

Financial Implications: The cost of this expenditure is \$45,000. As Council is aware the 2015 Audit identified an additional \$250,000 that is added to our General Fund Reserve.

Request: Staff requests that Council authorize staff to acquire two patrol vehicles and allocate up to \$45,000 to that end.



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Dear County Commissioners,

The Town of New Castle is reaching out to you for assistance with important capital purchases for vehicles and equipment. As you may know, in the recent GFMLD grant cycle the Town was awarded a mini-grant for police radios (\$25,000). In that grant cycle the Town also submitted a traditional grant application (\$214,343) for important capital purchases: 2 Chevy Tahoes for the police department, 4 Chevy/GMC pick-up trucks for public works and utilities, an asphalt roller, 20-ft. tilt trailer, Broce broom, and Polaris Ace four-wheeler. The total cost of the capital purchase is \$306,204. The Town intended to match the traditional grant with Town funds to cover the total cost. The Town also committed to purchase this equipment locally. (We have enclosed the GFMLD grant application budget so you can review details of this capital purchase and Town match, if you desire.)

During the Town Council's annual Strategic Planning Retreat, we review our grant strategy for the next two-years. We consider granting agencies like DOLA for water and wastewater projects, GOCO for recreational projects, CPW for trails planning, LiveWell for Healthy Eating Active Living projects, and GFMLD for town capital projects and capital equipment.

Over the past three-years, the Town of New Castle has applied for GFMLD grants for specific projects: Streetscape Improvements; Community Center Improvements; Flattops Pedestrian Bridge; street, curb, gutter, sidewalk repairs; and new police office construction. Additionally, the County Commissioners have assisted on the Flattops Pedestrian Bridge and the Talbott Trail. All of these projects have added tremendously to our community's attractiveness, our government's effectiveness and our community's overall quality of life. We appreciate everything you do for us.

As you know, this year there were many good traditional grant applications and in New Castle the school district received substantial funds to re-roof Elk Creek School. We understand the need to spread GFMLD funds throughout the county. We also feel we have a significant need this year with capital equipment and for that reason we are making this request of \$214,343 to be matched with \$91,861 of Town funding to purchase: 2 Chevy Tahoes for the police department, 4 Chevy/GMC pick-up trucks for public works and utilities, an asphalt roller, 20-ft. tilt trailer, Broce broom, and Polaris Ace four-wheeler.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bruce Leland
Acting Mayor