

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

N.C. Forest Service

FOREST SERVICE

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D-10-FA Cooperative Unit Budgets Guilford County 304 Old Hargrave Road Lexington, NC 27295-7594 January 15, 2025 (336) 956-2111

Jessie Baptist, Administrative Office 400 W Market Street Independence Bldg 5th Floor Greensboro, NC 27402

Dear Ms. Baptist:

The North Carolina Forest Service is requesting \$297,522 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Guilford County's share of the budget will be \$119,008.

The increase in our budget reflects the legislative salary increase for employees, a slight operating expense increase due to increased costs of supplies, and a frontline, Initial Attack Ford-350 truck/Type 6 Engine replacement. Thank you for your long term continued support. Listed below is a general breakdown of the budget:

| Salaries, Social Security, Health Insurance and Retirement: County Ranger, Assistant County Ranger, temporary positions (1/10 of part time Smoke Chaser & FM Secretary). | \$159,117 |
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| Expenses: | \$ 53,845 |
| To include equipment, truck repairs and maintenance, fire control materials, uniforms, | |
| educational handouts & Smokey Bear material, office supplies and other materials. | |
| Frontline Fire Truck/Type 6 Engine Purchase | \$ 81,200 |
| Ford F-350 long bed, Utility bed, Type 6 engine apparatus including water tank, pump, | |
| engine, hose reel and other truck components. | |
| Office Space Rental: | \$ 3,360 |

Total: \$297,522

State Share 60% = \$178,514 County Share 40% = \$119,008

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Blackwood District Forester

cc: County Ranger, Jimmy Holt Office Manager, SueAnn Safriet