



*Mayor and Council Agenda Item Memorandum*

**DATE:** July 10, 2023

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Discuss, consider, and take action on a request from Denton County Emergency Services District No. 1 for financial assistance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Town has received a request from Denton ESD No. 1 for financial assistance due to their current financial status as a result of a former employee's mismanagement of funds. Other municipalities within the ESD No. 1 have provided funds based on \$10.00 per resident. For Copper Canyon this would be a total of \$17,000.

**RECOMMENDATION MOTION AND/OR ACTION:**

Move to approve financial assistance in the amount of \$17,000 to be taken from Reserve Funds.

July 2023

# Request for Support



## HISTORY

The Denton County Emergency Services District #1 (DCESD1) began as **Argyle Volunteer Fire District in 1963** among a group of local citizens.

In 2006, citizens voted and approved the creation of the DCESD1 to provide funding stability and serve multiple towns and cities together. Emergency Services Districts are local political subdivisions (**similar to public schools**) of the State of Texas that provide fire, rescue, emergency medical service (EMS), and other emergency services and are governed by a Board of five Commissioners.



## Background

Based on the alleged illegal activity of the former Fire Chief, budgeting inaccuracies and expenditure misreporting, the DCESD1 is anticipating a **budget shortfall of \$2 million** in Fiscal Year 2023. This request for support is one of several solutions that DCESD1 is pursuing to fill the funding gap.

## Serving the Community

The DCESD1 protects **42,000 citizens across 65 square miles**. Located within one of the fastest growing areas in the nation, our service area has increased in population by 66% over the past ten years, with **call volume increasing by 36% in the past three years**.

The DCESD1 has **37 full-time employees** working on 3 different shifts for 3 stations.

## Copper Canyon

**Station 513** was originally located at the **Copper Canyon Town Hall** at 400 Woodlands Drive in Copper Canyon, TX. Station 513 was moved to 865 Copper Canyon Rd Copper Canyon, TX and opened in 2009. It currently houses an Engine Company and Brush Truck. Station 513 is staffed with 3 line personnel 24x7.

**Community outreach and public education in Copper Canyon** includes monthly visits to schools, career days, CPR/AED and Stop The Bleed classes, parades, fire science camps, touch-a-truck events, fire safety/community helper presentations to preschools, leading National Walk & Bike to

School Safety Day, National Night Outs, Fire Truck Santa, and many birthday drive-bys for citizens for those young and young at heart.

Support Request	Requested Funds	Funds would support...
<b>Assistance with budget deficit</b>	<b>\$17,310</b>	Payroll + accounts payable are ~\$600k/month
The 2020 United States census reports <b>1,731 people residing in Copper Canyon.</b>		

## Additional Details

### Support thus far has included:

- Lantana Education/Charitable Foundation for \$300,000.
- Town of Northlake for \$100,000
- Town of Argyle \$56,000

The DCESD1 is **actively pursuing additional opportunities for support** including refinancing assets or restructuring debts or delaying payments, increasing line of credit, applying for grants (including federal, regional, and local level), and requests to local municipalities.

The DCESD1 will be able to utilize funds **within 90 days of receipt.**

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