

# INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## BUDGET MESSAGE

(Pursuant to 29-1-103(1)(e), C.R.S.)

FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

### THE DISTRICT

The Indian Hills Fire Protection District is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision established pursuant to Article I of Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. The District, located in Jefferson County, provides fire protection and emergency medical services within District boundaries and within neighboring Districts pursuant to mutual aid agreements.

### THE SYSTEM

The Board of Director's is responsible for the operation of and policies with respect to the District, in accordance with State statutes and the Service Plan.

### IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE BUDGET

The budget adopted by the District Board reflects revenue from property taxes, specific ownership taxes, interest income, fire mutual aid deployment operations and ambulance fees. CY 2020 property tax revenue for the District decreased slightly (\$6K) from CY 2020 revenue. The District anticipates recouping that reduction based on fire mutual aid operational deployments resulting in the same amount of District income as in CY 2020. The Board has adopted a structurally balanced operating budget for CY 2021 and has developed an aggressive budget which prioritizes firefighter health and safety while also initiating a two year Wildland Fire Protection Plan development process for the District. Specific priority items within the budget include:

- Initiation of an annual physical/wellness program for District Firefighters
- Replacement of a 1975 Pierce Fire Engine with a newer Type 3 fire apparatus
- Refurbishment of a 2000 Rosenbauer Fire Engine
- Initiation of a Wildland Fire Protection Planning process for the District
- Maintenance and repair of the District helipad and Fire Station parking areas

Each of these budget priorities are in line with our recently updated Strategic direction as well as the District's capital asset replacement plan.

### BUDGETARY BASIS OR ACCOUNTING

The budget for 2021 was prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues and expenditures are recorded on a modified accrual basis.