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Barbours, PA: Plunketts Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department saved thousands of dollars by refurbishing their 2001 fire engine. The twenty-year-old fire truck needed to be either updated or replaced. After researching the options and careful consideration the department decided refurbishing would be the best option since a new truck would cost more than \$800,000 and to refurbish the truck would be less than a \$100,000. As with any non-profit organization, financing a project this large with very few volunteers to raise funds is a real challenge.

With concern of the dependability of the vehicle, and price increases, this project had to be a priority. Chief Stine said, "we have a commitment to this community to respond to an emergency and need dependable equipment. We are going to have to look for grants and raise money to get this done." It was shortly after that meeting that we were notified of a possible grant for unbudgeted or "wish list" projects being funded by the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania. We applied for funding and was blessed with a \$50,000 grant!

The project cost was \$79,000 and is in the final stage of a complete refurbish and should be back in service as "new truck" by early April. We are very grateful to have a foundation that works to improve the quality of life in north central Pennsylvania by making these grants available. For donations to help with the remaining balance of this project please send your donation to Plunketts Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department, 327 Dunwoody Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.

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