



Fire, Fire Hydrant, Fire Capital Funds

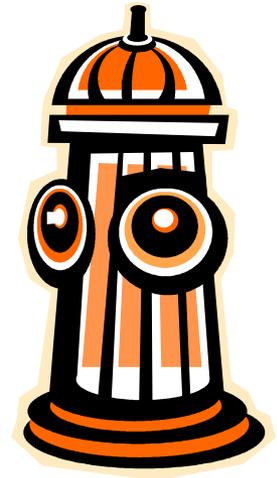
as presented November 6, 2014

Whitpain Township

Tax Rates

▶ Millage

▶ General Fund	2.02
▶ Fire Tax	0.40
▶ Fire Hydrant	0.05
▶ <u>Debt Service</u>	<u>0.73</u>
	<u>3.20</u> mills



▶ Impact

- ▶ Average residential assessment ~ \$226,000
- ▶ Average Township tax bill = \$723/year
- ▶ Fire & Fire Hydrant Tax represents roughly 14% of the Township's millage. For the average homeowner this equates to \$102/year or \$8.48/month

Services Received (for \$8.42 per month)

- ▶ Traditional fire services including: fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, fire prevention education, and community outreach
- ▶ Centre Square Fire Company (CSFC) covers 12.8 square miles of Whitpain Township, responds to emergencies on the PA Turnpike, and offers mutual aid to numerous municipalities as needed.



Public / Non-Profit Partnership

- ▶ CSFC is the Township's most important and longest standing strategic partnership.
- ▶ Without the support of dedicated volunteers, the cost of fire fighting services would be massive
- ▶ CSFC is an organization made up of 84 operational and corporate volunteers (26 active firefighters)
 - Supplemented by 3 FT and 10 PT Career Staff Members for 50 hours a week
 - Emergency Medical Staff personnel of 10
 - Fire Police personnel of 9
 - Ladies Auxiliary personnel of 20

Grants

- ▶ CSFC was awarded several grants in 2014, including:
 - A state grant of \$13,619 to purchase turnout gear (firefighter protective clothing).
 - SAFER Grant from the federal government in the amount of \$50,150 to be used over 4 years for gear, medical assessments, and classes. 2014 was the second year of the grant and \$17,175 was spent.



Addition of Fire Capital Fund

- ▶ 2014 marked the first year a specific Fire Capital Fund was used.
 - Traditionally capital expenditures came from the Fire Fund.
 - In keeping with best practices, a separate Fire Capital Fund has been created.



Fire Fund

	2014 Original	2014 Projected	2015 Requested	2015 Change
BEGINNING CASH	1,123,173	1,123,173	503,543	(619,631)
REVENUES	1,003,700	985,984	1,008,720	5,020
EXPENSES	(822,035)	(772,192)	(794,249)	27,786
TRANSFERS OUT	(150,000)	(833,423)	(150,000)	--
ENDING CASH	1,154,838	503,543	568,014	(586,825)

Fire Fund Expenses

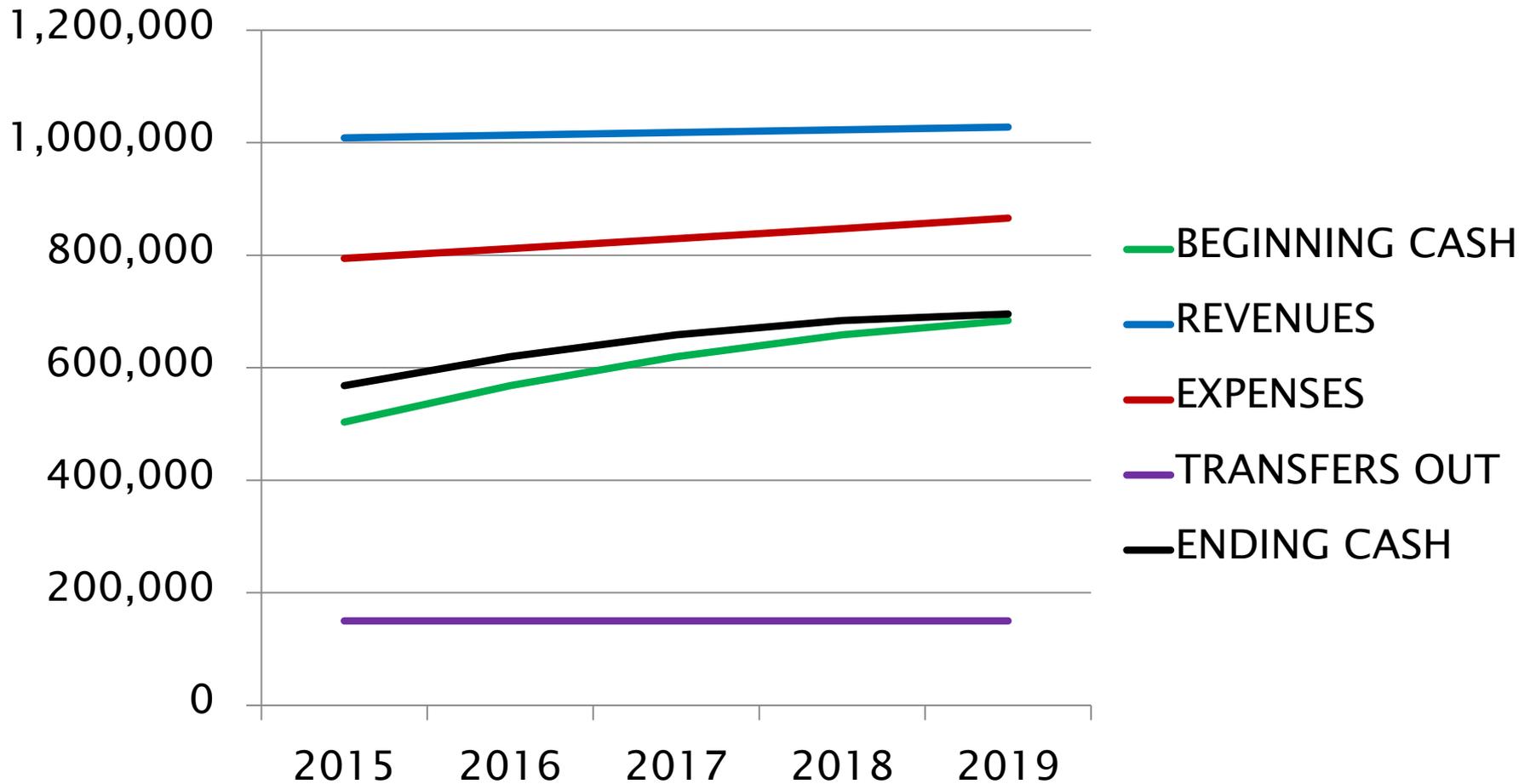
	2014 Revised	2015 Requested
SALARIES-FIRE OFFICERS	211,230	211,388
LONGEVITY PAY	2,400	3,200
OVERTIME PAY	2,000	2,144
FICA - EMPLOYER	16,496	16,496
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,860	1,860
FIRE CO. WORKERS COMP	10,710	13,284
GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS	68,089	72,045
FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND	220,681	220,681
COMPUTER/COPIER SUPPLIES	2,000	2,040


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Fire Fund Expenses (con't.)

	2014 Revised	2015 Requested
FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUC.	2,500	2,550
FIRE CO. OPERATING EXPENSES	217,626	229,200
SMALL TOOLS AND MINOR EQUIP.	15,000	17,340
CONFERENCE & SEMINAR FEES	800	1,020
OTHER EXPENSES	800	1,000
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	-	-
SUBTOTAL	772,192	794,249
TRANSFER TO FIRE CAP/DEBT SERVICE	833,423	150,000
TOTAL EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS	1,605,615	944,249

Fire Fund 5-Year Plan



CSFC Expenses

Expenses	2014	2015
Administration	14,000	14,000
Apparatus Maintenance	35,000	35,000
Building/Grounds Station A	40,000	20,000
EMS Expenses	5,000	5,000
Equipment (New)	20,000	10,000
Equipment Maintenance	6,000	6,000
Fire Police	2,000	1,000

Expenses	2014	2015
Fire Prevention/Public Awareness/Recruitment	10,000	10,000
Fuel (vehicles)	14,000	14,000
Heat - Station A	15,000	18,000
Insurance	20,000	20,000
Misc. Expenses	9,000	9,000
Computer Expense	2,000	2,000
Office Supplies	6,000	6,000


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CSFC Expenses (con't.)

Expenses	2014	2015
Radio Maintenance - Base Station	2,000	2,000
Salaries (Office Manager)	13,200	13,200
Telephone	15,000	13,000
Utilities Station A	15,000	14,000
Firefighter Incentives	12,000	12,000
Operating Total	255,200	229,200

Fire Capital Fund 5-Year Plan

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
BEGINNING CASH	697,119	654,829	737,553	745,292	228,046
REVENUES	714	728	743	758	773
EXPENSES	(125,000)	-	(75,000)	(600,000)	-
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(124,286)	728	(74,257)	(599,242)	773
TRANSFERS IN *	81,996	81,996	81,996	81,996	81,996
ENDING CASH	654,829	737,553	745,292	228,046	310,815

*Transfer In= Transfer from Fire Fund Less Debt Service Payment

CSFC Capital Expenses

Expenses	2014 Budgeted	2014 Projected	2015 Requested
New Building Account	75,000	49,000	101,000
Vehicle Replacement	0	0	0
Purchase Other Equipment	44,000	44,000	0
Total Capital Items	119,000	93,000	101,000

CSFC Total Expenses

Expenses	2014	2015
Operating	255,200	229,200
Capital	93,000	101,000
Total	348,200	330,200

Fire Hydrant Fund

	2014 Revised	2014 Projected	2015 Requested	2015 Change
BEGINNING CASH	150,172	150,172	168,055	17,883
REVENUES	75,720	75,883	75,722	2
EXPENSES	(62,400)	(58,000)	(58,000)	4,400
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	13,320	17,883	17,722	4,402
ENDING CASH	163,492	168,055	185,777	22,285

Fire Hydrant Fund 5-Year Plan

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
BEGINNING CASH	168,055	185,777	202,342	217,726	231,906
REVENUES	75,722	75,725	75,727	75,730	75,732
EXPENSES	(58,000)	(59,160)	(60,343)	(61,550)	(62,781)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	17,722	16,565	15,384	14,180	12,951
ENDING CASH	185,777	202,342	217,726	231,906	244,858



Proposed New Firehouse Status Update

as presented November 6, 2014

Whitpain Township

CENTRE SQUARE FIRE CO.



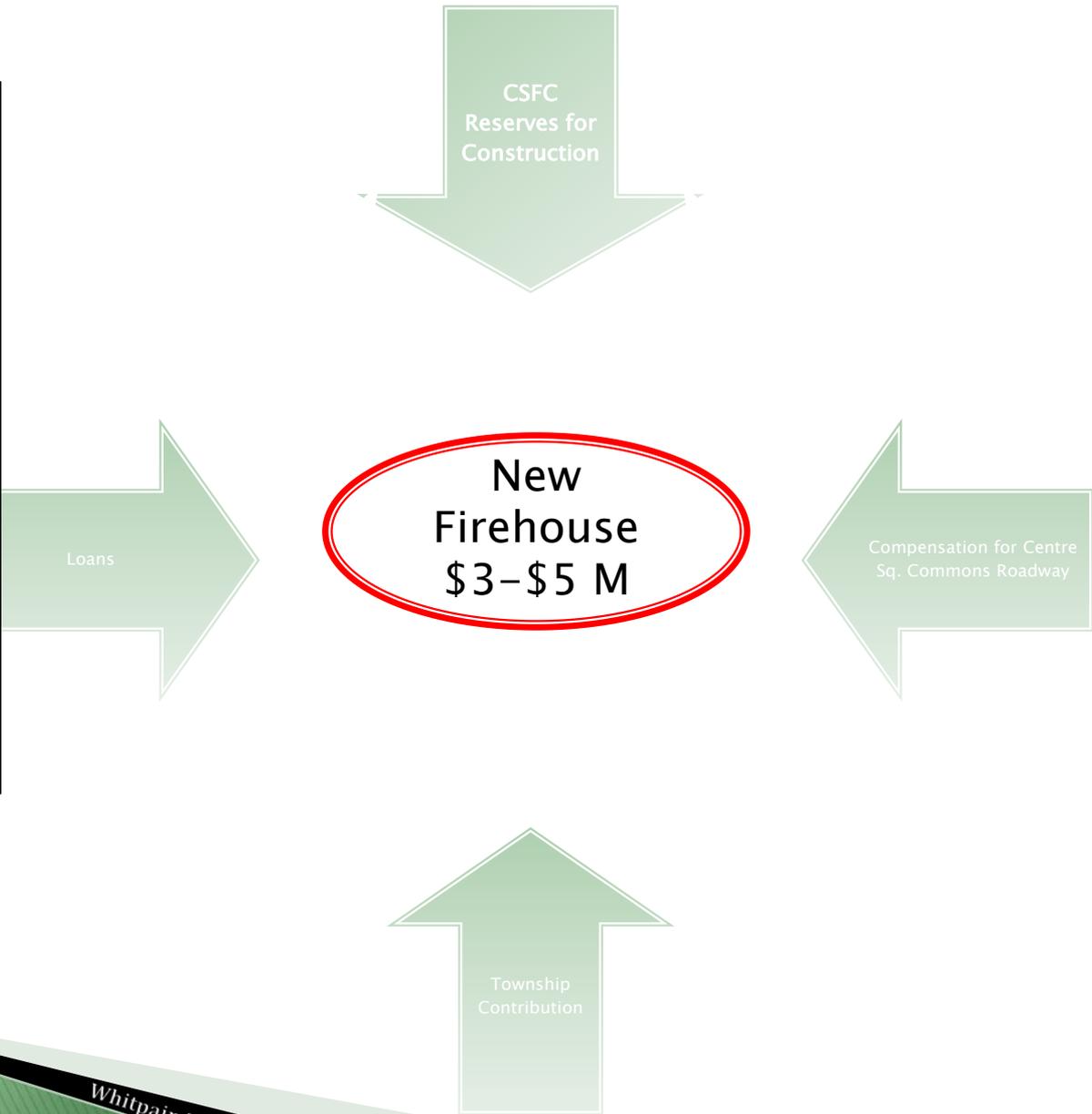
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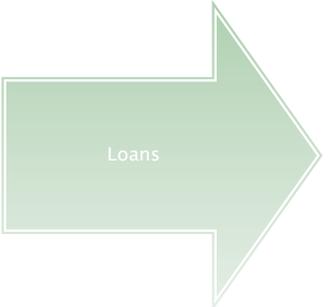
Firehouse is estimated to cost between \$3.0 m to \$5.0 m.

- 5 bay firehouse with expanded office space and much needed bunk rooms
- Chambers Associates hired as engineering firm.
- Need to select an architect; 2 proposals have been submitted.

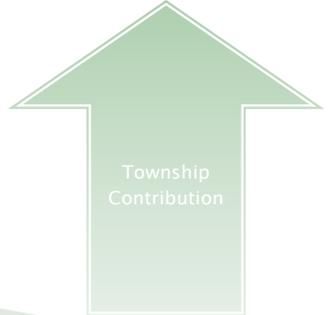


Firehouse Funding Sources

CSFC has \$500,000 in reserves dedicated to the new firehouse



New Firehouse
\$3-\$5 M



Firehouse Funding Sources

Before the PAD site can be sold/leased, the following needs to occur:

1. Screen and hire an appraiser
2. Hire a team of professionals to oversee process and market the property.
3. Neither the PAD site or the roadway can move forward until the new building is operational and the old building is removed.

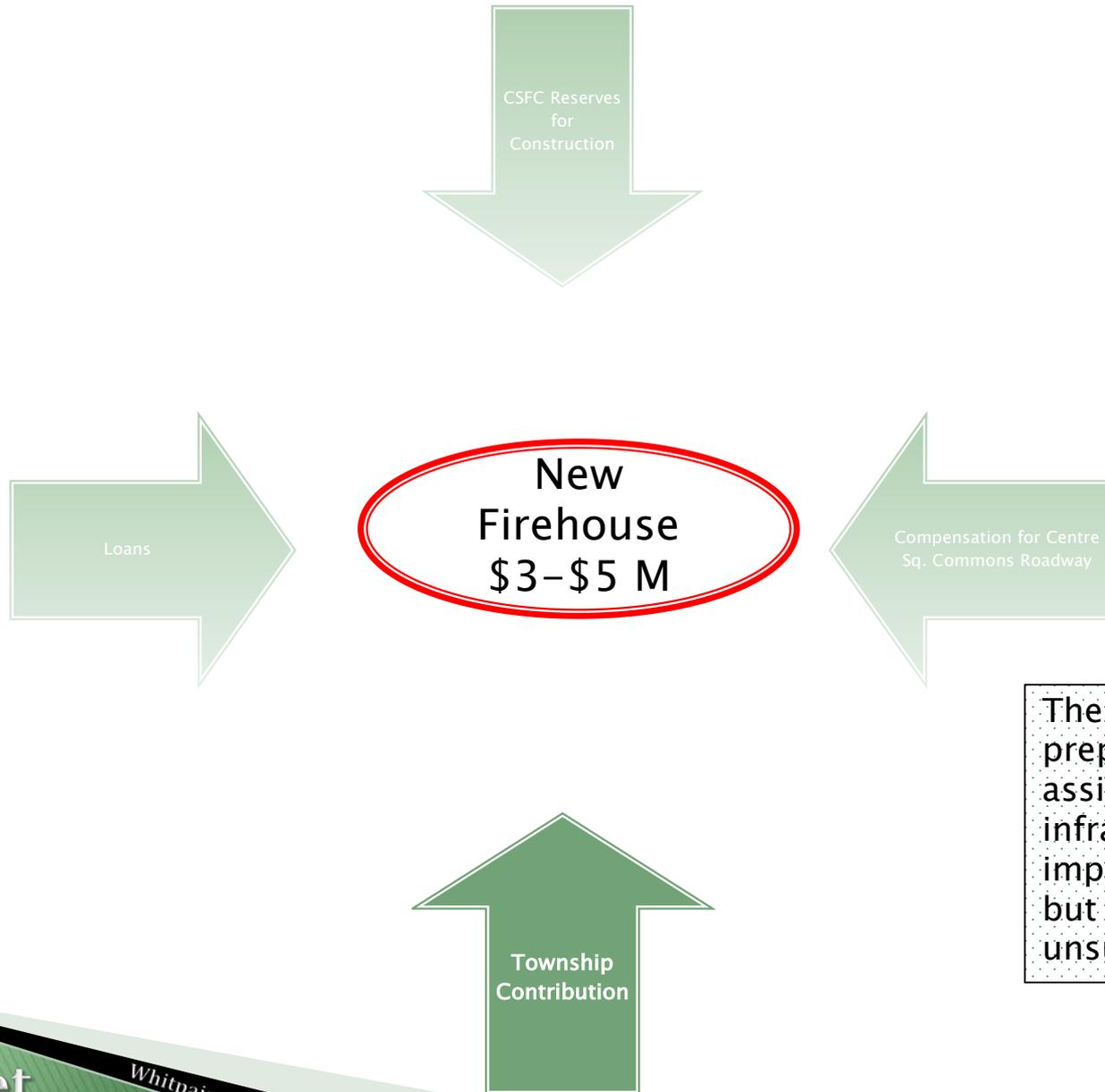


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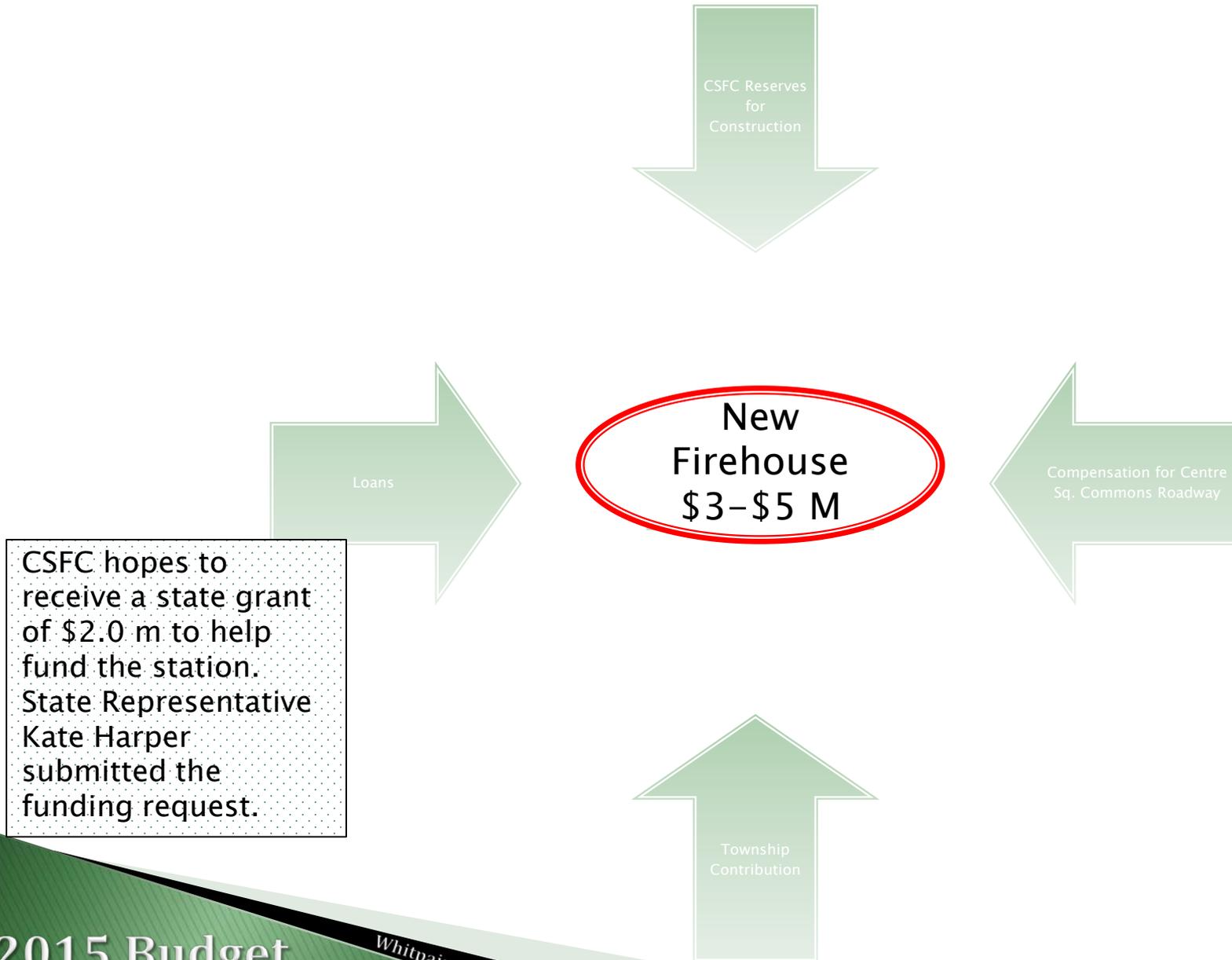
1. CSFC sub-committee has been formed to oversee fundraising.
2. CSFC has received one proposal for professional fundraising management but will seek 2 others.
3. Goal is to raise \$1,000,000

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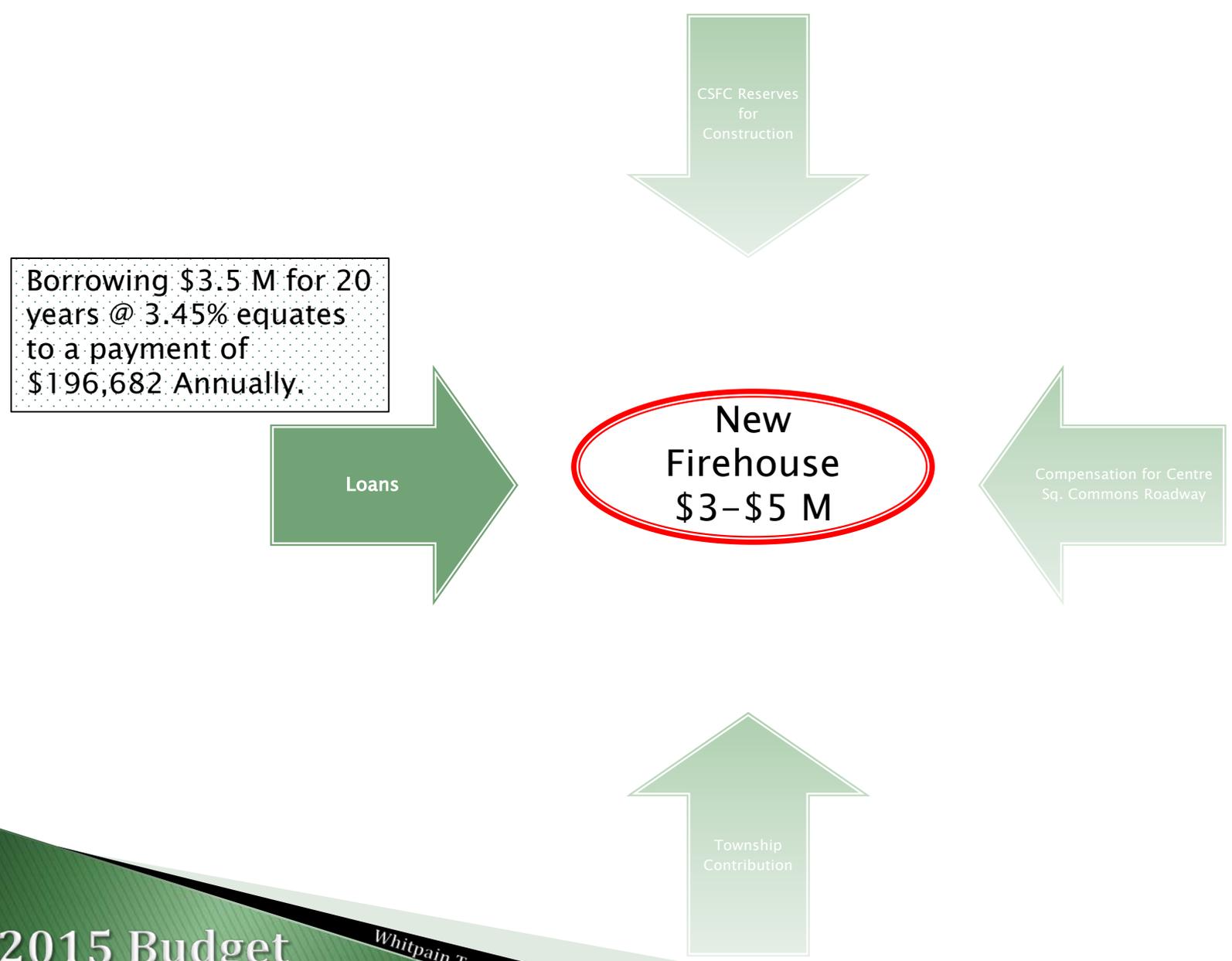


The Township is prepared to assist CSFC with infrastructure improvements, but remains unsure of need.

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The Relief Association can contribute \$200,000 to the new firehouse.



Upcoming Meetings

- ▶ Public Comment – November 18th & December 2nd
- ▶ Budget Adoption – December 2nd



Comments & Questions

Whitpain Township