



AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	DECEMBER 14, 2020

**CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - COUNCIL LETTER**

<b>ITEM:</b>	Approve Resolution 2020-116 Transfer of funds to the Fire Department 2020 Budget		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Fire	<b>CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:</b>	
<b>BY/DATE:</b>	Charlie Thompson / December 9, 2020	<b>BY/DATE:</b>	<i>Kell Bongel</i> 12/11/20
<b>CITY STRATEGY:</b>	#2: Economic Strength		
<b>Additional Strategy?</b>	#1; Safe Community		
<b>SHORT TERM GOAL (IF APPLICABLE):</b>	Choose an item.		
<b>Additional Goal?</b>	Choose an item.		

**BACKGROUND:**

The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) reimbursed \$2,352 in 2020 for costs associated with mandatory training for Columbia Heights firefighters and certification renewals. The funds are appropriated by the State Legislature from the Fire Safety Account and then dispersed through an application process.

The MBFTE provides additional funding for new recruit firefighter training. The MBFTE reimbursed \$1,570 in 2020 for costs associated with training eight new Columbia Heights firefighter recruits at the Anoka County Fire Academy.

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) reimbursed \$6,200 in 2020 for costs associated with ambulance training for Columbia Heights firefighters. The EMSRB provides these funds through The Cooper Sams Award Program. To qualify, fire departments must be a registered ambulance service and must complete the application process through the EMSRB website by the deadline of 10/1/2020.

The State of Minnesota contributed an extra \$12,507.80 towards the Fire Relief Association's pension fund over and above the projected amount of \$103,000 adopted in the 2020 budget.

Breakdown of Reimbursements:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State of Minnesota MBFTE	\$3,922.00
State of Minnesota EMSRB	\$6,200.00
<u>Fire Relief Association Pension Fund</u>	<u>\$12,507.80</u>
 Total	 \$22,629.98

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the transfer of reimbursed funds from the General Fund to the Fire Department 2020 Budget.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2020-116, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-116, being a Resolution amending the 2020 Fire Department budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 2020-116