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TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

Reference: Ricochet Technical Rescue Gear Grant

Date: August 3, 2026

The Deadwood Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for the Ricochet Technical Rescue Gear Grant. The grant would provide for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) including rescue gear. Our department has introduced rescue gear to our volunteers and at this time only four members have this gear. Rescue gear is essential for firefighters because it directly affects their ability to save lives, protect themselves, and operate effectively in dangerous environments. Today's firefighting involves far more than extinguishing fires, firefighters respond to vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, medical emergencies, structural collapses, floods, and technical rescues. Supplying our volunteers will enable them to rescue victims faster. Having rescue gear for our members can prevent them from injury, illness and the environmental hazards while allowing them to work effectively in conditions. The grant application period opens August 3, 2026 until August 31, 2026. There is no match cost for the City of Deadwood with this grant.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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