

SUBMITTED BY: Kraig Fullen, Chief of Police

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:** N/A

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 25-1685**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the City of Douglas to **ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING** from Walmart in the amount of \$5,000 as part of their **FY2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas has been selected to receive grant funding from Walmart as part of their FY2025 Community Grants Program in the amount of \$5,000. The grant opportunity is part of Walmart's commitment to giving back to the communities where they operate.

BACKGROUND:

A proposal was submitted in support of three programs provided by the City of Douglas through collaborative efforts by Police, Fire and Library staff. The Police Department will use \$1,665 to support the 2025 Kids & Cops Holiday event. Douglas Fire will use \$1,665 to support their 2025 Holiday Food/Toy/Jacket Drive. Both events focus on less fortunate families and those families that are otherwise struggling during the holiday season by providing an opportunity for Department employees to make a positive impact in these community members' lives as well as their own lives.

The Library will use \$1,670 to support their 2025/2026 Summer Reading Program which is held during the first week of June through the last week of July, right before school begins again. The aim is to keep kids engaged with reading and learning in a fun way during the summer months and help stem the "summer slide" a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school is not in session. With over 200 participants from ages birth to 17 years old typically attending, families visit the library to enjoy fun STEM activities, movies, Storytime, and special events, such as a juggler and a reptile show. Kids receive a welcome bag at the beginning of the program, earn prizes each week for completing their reading activities, and end their summers with a party to celebrate the program, taking home a free book, toy, and Happy Meal coupon for returning their completed reading logs. Generous grant funding from Walmart and other local contributors helps to underwrite these valuable activities.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is requesting the approval and acceptance of the grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Check in the amount of \$5,000 is anticipated from Walmart.

"...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 25-1685."