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SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1715**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING** from the **LEGACY FOUNDATION** of Southeast Arizona for Project Lifeline: Advancing CPR with Innovation, in the amount of **\$50,000**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas Fire Department has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona to support *Project Lifeline: Advancing CPR with Innovation*. This funding will allow the city to acquire two piston-style automated chest-compression devices designed to significantly enhance emergency cardiac care. These devices provide consistent, high-quality compressions, improve responder safety during patient transport, and increase overall efficiency—particularly critical in rural response settings with limited staffing.

BACKGROUND:

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona focuses on improving health and wellness across Cochise County through strategic investments in community health initiatives. The Douglas Fire Department regularly responds to cardiac arrest emergencies, where immediate, uninterrupted, high-quality CPR is essential for survival. Maintaining manual compressions during transport is physically demanding, challenging for responders, and can reduce compression quality due to fatigue or safety constraints in a moving vehicle.

Recognizing these challenges, the Fire Department submitted a grant application for the purchase of two automated chest-compression devices. These piston-style systems automate CPR delivery and are widely used in EMS agencies to improve patient outcomes and enhance responder safety.

The two automated compression devices funded by this grant will:

- **Deliver consistent, evidence-based compressions** at the correct depth and rate, reducing human variability and fatigue.
- **Improve responder safety**, eliminating the need for personnel to perform manual compressions while standing unsecured in a moving ambulance.
- **Increase efficiency and effectiveness**, especially during staffing shortages or when managing complex scenes that require multitasking.
- **Enhance patient outcomes** by ensuring uninterrupted, high-quality CPR throughout the response, transport, and transfer of care.
- **Support our region**, benefiting not only Douglas residents but also individuals in surrounding rural areas who depend on our EMS services.

The grant requires no matching funds from the city. Acceptance of this award will allow the Fire Department to move quickly into procurement and deployment, directly strengthening our life-saving capabilities.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Award Amount \$50,000.

Fiscal Year: 2025/2026

Amount Requested: \$0

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1715.”