

Staff Report

Subject: Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program
Author: Jody Jones, Grants Coordinator presented by Mark W. Barnes
Department: Finance Department
Meeting Date: 6/6/23
Item Description: Consideration to submit an application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to submit an application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program.

Executive Summary:

Through the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responders Outreach, the Gary Sinise grants provide help to critical funding for emergency relief, training, and essential equipment to ensure first responders can perform to the best of their abilities. As of October 2022, the Gary Sinise Foundation has provided:

- 428 emergency relief grants to police, firefighters, and EMTs
- 12,887 pieces of essential equipment donated by the Gary Sinise Foundation
- 1,135 first responder training grants were funded by the Gary Sinise Foundation

Agencies awarded the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program receive grants for equipment and training. Grants are reserved for Law Enforcement Departments, Fire Departments, and Paramedic or EMS departments. Grant request are limited to Equipment and Training only.

Background:

1. The total requested amount will be \$29,460.52.
2. The funds will be used to purchase medical triage bags and ballistic vests.
3. No cost share requirement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the submittal of an application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program.
1. Do not approve the submittal of an application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program.
2. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the submittal of an application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program.

Other Alternatives: N/A

Department Review: Finance, Effingham County Fire Department

Funding Source:

No cost share requirement.

Attachments: Gary Sinise Foundation Grant Program Guidelines