

Staff Report

Subject: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant
Author: Kathy Candler, Grants Coordinator, presented by Mark W. Barnes, Finance Director
Department: Finance Department
Meeting Date: 3/5/2024
Item Description: Consideration to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is recommends approval to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Executive Summary:

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Firehouse Subs founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, traveled to Mississippi where they fed first responders as well as survivors. As they traveled back to Florida exhausted and exhilarated, they knew more was needed and the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was born. Chris and Robin are generous visionaries and the Foundation's largest individual donors, and, as members of the Foundation's board of directors, they approve donations for lifesaving equipment and funding for first responders every quarter. They continue to advance the Foundation's mission and have awarded millions of dollars' worth of lifesaving equipment and resources to fire, police, and public safety organizations across the country.

Effingham County Fire Rescue is experiencing an increase in demand for service, which has increased the demand for training of personnel. These funds will be used to purchase a Smoke Generator and four Smart-Dummy Rescue Manikins for more intense training and to ensure our citizens are provided with the best response possible.

Background:

1. The grant process is competitive.
2. There is no cost share requirement, and the equipment estimate is as follows:

Item	Item Cost	Quantity	Total
10178557 MSA 10178557 Altair 4XR Multigas Detector, (LEL, O2, H2S & CO), Charcoal Case, North American Charger	\$860.31	15	\$12,904.65
MSA-4XKIT MSA Galaxy GX2 Altair 4X and 4XR Automated Gas Detector Complete Test System	\$4157.01	1	\$4157.01
ISP20			(-) \$20.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 17,041.66

3. Application deadline is May 4, 2024.

Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to submission of a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
2. Do not approve to submission of a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Effingham County Fire Rescue

Funding Source:

There is no cost share requirement.

Attachments:

1. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Application Information
2. Fire Rescue Equipment quote