

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant  
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**Department:** Finance Department  
**Meeting Date:** 4/19/22  
**Item Description:** Consideration to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

## Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting 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 on a quarterly basis. 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 equipment estimate is as follows:

Item	Item Cost	Quantity	Total
SG1000™ Smoke Generator with Battery Base	\$ 3,624.00	1	\$ 3,624.00
SmartDummy™ Rescue (55 lb/24 kg)	\$ 3,255.00	2	\$ 6,510.00
SmartDummy™ Rescue (110 lb/48 kg)	\$ 3,485.00	2	\$ 6,970.00
Shipping/Freight	\$ 789.00	1	\$ 789.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 17,893.00</b>

3. Application deadline is May 4, 2022.

**Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
2. Do not approve to submit 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