

Staff Report

Subject: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant
Author: Jody Jones, Grants Coordinator, presented by Mark W. Barnes,
Finance Director
Department: Finance Department
Meeting Date: 7/18/23
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.

Background:

1. The grant process is competitive.
2. There is no cost share requirement.
3. The requested amount is \$11,529.00 to fund an Airworx Go-Command OG Ultrabright Thermal Drone.

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)*

Finance Department, 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