



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution to accept a \$250 donation from the Reif Arts Council, for the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit, for volunteer services at a recent music concert.

PREPARED BY: Chief Andy Morgan

BACKGROUND:

Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit is comprised of fifteen (15) civilian volunteers that are unlicensed officers. The Reserves volunteer several hundred hours per year, providing security at the yearly Tall Timber Days, Car Show and Swap Meet, Itasca County Fair, National Night Out, High School games, 4th July fireworks, and other community events. They also volunteer several hours a year doing ride alongs with licensed officers and have assisted in searches for missing or lost persons. The Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit is a truly valued aspect of GRPD that seldom receives the credit they deserve.

On May 16, 2025 Reif Center hosted a Hairball music concert at Yanmar Arena. The gathering was a great community event and was attended by 2,104 people. Grand Rapids Police Department partnered with the Reif in providing a police presence. Full-time staff and volunteering Reserve Officers assisted in establishing a safe environment for all to enjoy an evening of music.

Recognizing the value of the service, the Reif Arts Council showed unsolicited appreciation to the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit by donating \$250. Such donations are pivotal in recognizing and funding the continued success of GRPD Reserve Unit.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution to accept a \$250 donation from the Reif Arts Council, for the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit, for volunteer services at a recent music concert.