



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 4/13/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting a 50/50 matching grant from the MN DNR.

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BACKGROUND:

At the November 11, 2025, City Council meeting, staff received approval to apply for a grant through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Fire Department has since been awarded a 50/50 matching grant in the amount of \$5,000 through the Rural Fire Department Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant Program. This is a recurring grant opportunity the department has successfully utilized in prior years.

Grant funds are designated for the purchase of equipment that supports wildland fire suppression efforts. The Grand Rapids Fire Department has identified a need for wildland firefighter boots, which will complement and enhance the effectiveness of the TEC Gen wildland gear purchased last year.

The City's required 50% match of \$5,000 will be funded through the Fire Department's operating budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion approving a resolution to accept a \$5,000 grant award from the Minnesota DNR with the fire departments contribution of \$5,000 to come out of the Fire Departments operating budget and authorize the necessary signatures to execute the grant.