



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** 04/27/2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** Considering approving the HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Grand Rapids Fire Department hazmat team submits request for HMEP grant funds for our Hazardous Material Chemical Response team to be used for training and educational purposes through the State Fire Marshal and then they determine what each team will be allocated depending on how much funding they have available based on each team's request and priority. Grand Rapids Hazmat team requested funding to send staff to the MN Cold Zone 2026 Conference.

We received a letter from the MN State Fire Marshal informing us our request for the 2026 Cold Zone Conference under the HMEP grant was approved. Total grant allocation (award + match) would be \$20,000 and our grant match required is \$4,000 which is accounted for within our fire department training wages.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to accept the HMEP grant from the Department of Public Safety to be used for Hazmat training for a total of \$20,000 with a grant match of \$4,000 to be paid out of our fire department training wages and authorize proper signatures on grant forms.