



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 8/12/2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Grand Rapids Fire department to purchase fire safety equipment.

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Grand Rapids received one-time Public Safety Aid funding that allows public safety departments to use the aid for public safety initiatives such as recruitment and retentions, or fire rescue equipment as an example of use of funds. The fire department has established a list of equipment that needs to be replaced, upgraded, or purchased to enhance our fire protection capabilities and improve fire fighter safety. These items include thermal imaging equipment, hybrid turnout gear, water rescue suites, extrication tools, rapid intervention SCBA kits, rope rescue equipment, rescue Randy training manikin, and some miscellaneous equipment. Attached is a list explaining each piece of equipment and the price from vendors. City staff have followed the city's purchasing policy in acquiring multiple quotes. See attached documentation for prices.

This is nonbudgeted purchases that will be satisfied by Minnesota Public Safety Aid Funds. Utilizing this funding source will allow there to be zero cost by the City of Grand Rapids.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to allow the Grand Rapids Fire department to purchase 32 sets of Fire Dex TecGen51 turnout gear, 9 Seek Thermal imagers and accessories, 2 sets of Mighty Struts, Cordless extrication tools, 2 RIT emergency kits, 6 Ice Commander Suites, rope rescue equipment, Rescue Randy training manikin, mobile air trailer improvements and Polaris Ranger parts for a total price of \$128,150.94 plus any shipping costs using Public Safety Aid Funds.