



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 10/26/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Grand Rapids Fire department the purchase a a skid unit for our side x side.

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BACKGROUND:

At a previous City Council meeting, the Council approved the Fire Department obtaining pricing for a UTV skid units to be installed on the department's existing Polaris Ranger. This equipment will improve the department's ability to respond to wildland fires and medical emergencies in areas where access to patients requires the use of a UTV. The skid unit will include a litter rack, allowing personnel to transport patients more safely and securely.

The Fire Department has utilized the UTV several times this year for medical rescues. Currently, patients have had to be secured in the vehicle's cargo box, which does not provide the same level of safety as a dedicated patient transport system. The proposed skid unit will provide a safer and more appropriate method of transporting patients during these incidents.

Additionally, the skid unit will allow the department to utilize the UTV more effectively at future wildland fire incidents, similar to the Stewart and Flanders fires. When deployed at eligible incidents, the equipment may qualify for reimbursement, helping offset costs and support future equipment needs.

Although this purchase was not included in the 2026 Fire Department budget, it will be fully funded through surplus reimbursement funds received from the Stewart and Flanders fire responses. There will be no financial impact to the City of Grand Rapids General Fund.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to allow the Grand Rapids Fire Department to purchase a QTAC 85EMS-C fire rescue skid and accessories for a total purchase price of \$11,930 which includes shipping costs using surplus reimbursement funds from the Stewart and Flanders fire responses.