



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 11-24-2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider authorizing the Fire Department to apply for a DNR Grant.

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BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota DNR is offering a 50/50 matching grant in the amount of up to \$5000 for fire departments to use for fire fighting equipment. The Rural Fire Department Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant Project is the same matching grant the Fire Department has been awarded over the past several years. The matching grant dollars are to be used for equipment that will help support the efforts of wildland fire suppression, PPE, and water movement apparatus such as hoses and nozzles.

The Grand Rapids Fire Department has determined this grant would help offset the cost to purchase PPE, wildland fire suppression gear and equipment with this grant money. If successful, the city's contribution of the \$5,000 towards the matching grant would come from the Fire Department's operating budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to allow the Grand Rapids Fire Department to apply for a \$5,000 matching grant from the MN DNR for personal protective equipment for both wildland, structural and water movement apparatus.