



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 03/10/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Considering authorizing Fire Department staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Fire Department has the opportunity to apply for a grant for our Hazardous Material Chemical Response team to be used for training and educational purposes. This grant will be used to send staff to the MN Cold Zone 2025 Conference, Hazmat Technician classes for new fire fighters as well as a Hazmat Tech refresher class for our whole department. Total grant allocation (award + match) would be \$59,500 and our grant match required is \$3,500 which is accounted for within the Hazmat Contractor compensation team budget and not out of the Fire Budget.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to authorize staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Department of Public Safety to be used for Hazmat training for a total of \$59,500 with a grant match of \$3,500 to be paid out of our Hazmat Contractor compensation fund with no impact to our fire operating budget.