



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 06/22/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$18,250 donation from The Fraternal Order of Eagles – Grand Rapids Aerie 2469 to the Grand Rapids Fire Department Relief Association General Fund.

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BACKGROUND:

Historically, members of the local Eagles organization were responsible for planning, organizing, and operating the annual Spring Eagle's Extravaganza. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Itasca County Chiefs Association for distribution among the Itasca County fire departments that assisted during the event.

In the fall of 2025, the Eagles approached the Itasca County Chiefs Association regarding transferring responsibility for the event. Only the members of the Grand Rapids Fire Relief Association volunteered to assume the planning and operational duties, and the event was subsequently assigned to our organization and would be the sole beneficiary of the event for all the work. Throughout the spring, Relief Association members donated significant personal time and effort to organize and successfully conduct the Eagle's Extravaganza on April 27, 2026.

In recognition of these efforts and in support of the Grand Rapids Fire Relief Association, the Eagles presented a donation of \$18,250 to the Relief Association. The donation was received by the City of Grand Rapids and will be transferred to the Grand Rapids Fire Department Relief Association General Fund.

The Relief Association intends to use these funds to support the Jim Gibeau Scholarship Fund and purchase firefighting equipment and support departmental needs that may not be covered through the Fire Department's annual operating budget. These purchases will enhance the department's ability to serve and protect the citizens of Grand Rapids and Itasca County.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopting a resolution accepting a \$18,250 donation from The Fraternal Order of Eagles – Grand Rapids Aerie 2469 to the Grand Rapids Fire Department Relief Association General Fund.