



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: September 12, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution to accept a \$500 donation from the Reif Arts Council, for the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit, for volunteer services at Grand Jam 2022.

PREPARED BY: Captain Andy Morgan

BACKGROUND:

Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit is comprised of fifteen (15) civilian volunteers that are unlicensed officers. The Reserves volunteer several hundred hours per year, providing security at the yearly Tall Timber Days, Car show and Swap, Itasca County Fair, National Night Out, High School games, 4th July fireworks, Polar Plunge and other community events. They also volunteer several hours a year doing rides along with licensed officers and have assisted in searches for missing or lost persons. The Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit is a truly valued aspect of GRPD that seldom receives the credit they deserve.

On July 23, 2022 Reif Center hosted Grand Jam 2022 at the Itasca County Fairgrounds. The gathering was a great community event and was attended by over 1,751 people. Grand Rapids Police Department partnered with the Reif in providing a police presence. Full-time staff and volunteering Reserve Officers assisted in establishing a safe environment for all to enjoy a day full of music.

Recognizing the value of the service, the Reif Arts Council showed unsolicited appreciation to the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit by donating \$500.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution to accept a \$500 donation from the Reif Arts Council, for the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit, for volunteer services at Grand Jam 2022.