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MEETING TYPE: Board of Alderman

DATE: May 13, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Smith, Fire Chief

ITEM TYPE: Consideration

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda

SUBJECT: **Consider Approval of Leary Fire Grant**

DETAILS:

Please consider the preliminary approval to seek funding from the Leary Firefighters Foundation, Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program. Dennis Leary, tv and movie actor, created the foundation in 2000 in honor of his cousin Jeremiah Lucey and friend Tommy Spencer who both died in the Worchester Cold Storage fire in 1999. The foundation has donated over 3.5 million dollars since 2014.

I would like to request funding for new turnout gear for our firefighters. The current prices for turnout gear now range from \$5000 dollar range for a full ensemble of pants, coat, helmet, gloves, hood, and boots. This could be a savings for the town in the amount of 30,000 dollars or more and provide valuable equipment for our personnel. The grant process opens May 1 with letters of inquiry for an invitation to apply and final decisions for awards made in December 2024.

There is not a match required by the Town, as it is a 100% grant.