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**MEETING TYPE:** Board of Alderman

**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jason Smith, Fire Chief

**ITEM TYPE:** Consideration

**AGENDA SECTION:** Consent Agenda

**SUBJECT:** **Consider Approval of the Fire Department Applying for the Firehouse Subs Grant**

**DETAILS:**

Staff are requesting approval to seek a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Presently, this grant supports first responders with items such as lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships, and disaster relief. In the state of North Carolina alone, the foundation has provided 265 grants with over 3.3 million dollars of funds distributed.

This grant request will be for a Lion-Bullseye Digital Fire Extinguishing System. This system uses an LED interactive board to simulate a fire and a laser equipped fire extinguisher to interact with the LED board. This system allows us to train indoors or outdoors with no live fire involved. This system will be used as part of our community education program. This can be used for homes, businesses, schools, or any other location that may require fire suppression.

This is not a matching grant, and the request will be for approximately \$27,000 dollars, the cost of the elite training system. There will be three opportunities remaining to apply for grants this year. I am asking for approval to apply in all three open periods (April, July, October) in attempts to gain funding for this project. Staff are requesting this be a 100% grant which will be at no cost to the taxpayers.