



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	MERIT Center Bonding Request
Background Information:	<p>Initial efforts to develop the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training (MERIT) Center began in 1997. Training props, classrooms, equipment bays, storage areas and driving track were developed to deliver training opportunities to emergency responders and industrial workers throughout the region.</p> <p>Today, the MERIT Center serves as a regional fire, rescue, and industrial training facility that continues to bring in high level training to our region. Mandated training required by law has increased and so has the need for career developmental training for law enforcement and emergency services.</p> <p>In 2023, the MERIT Center received \$2.25 million from the State of Minnesota Management and Budget Office to aid in the construction of phase 3 of the MERIT Center project. The funding received is not enough to complete all aspects of the phase 3 project which included the completion of the firearms training range and live burn prop.</p> <p>Discussion with the Minnesota Management and Budget Office has been positive in the past, and we plan to submit an additional bonding request to complete phase 3 of the Strategic Business Plan for the MERIT Center which would include a live burn prop. The amount requested will be 3 million dollars. The approved resolution would be attached to the state bond funding application for the MERIT Center expansion.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Recommendations:	Consider approving the resolution supporting the state bond funding application for the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training Center expansion.