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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOSHUA TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS
DATE: FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024

In 2023, an omnibus bill was passed by the State Legislature that included \$210 million in one-time public safety aid. This aid was distributed on Dec. 26, 2023, to cities across the state, including New Prague. When distributed, the caveat given by the State was that this aid was to be used to enhance public safety, not for general use.

The City of New Prague received \$359,753. Following discussions by staff, below is a proposed use of approximately \$238,241 of the total funds. The two bolded expenditures were expenditures that were worked into the 2024 budget during the fall.

Fire – Radios	\$25,000
Police – 2024 SRO, 20%	\$25,614
Fire/Police – Drone	\$7,000
Fire – Mechanical Ladder	\$3,000
Fire – 4 Helmets	\$1,332
Fire – 10 pairs of boots	\$2,000
Fire – 6 pagers	\$1,800
Fire – Air packs	\$50,000
Fire – 2 Sets of gear	\$4,000
Police – Radios	\$6,129
Police – Axon Cameras, renew contract plus two additional sets for new vehicles	\$62,366
Police – Squad Equipment 2024	\$4,000
Police – SWAT Initial Cost 2024	\$23,000
Police – SWAT Annual Cost 2025 (half)	\$3,000
Police – Fitness Equipment in New Police Station	\$20,000
TOTAL 2024	\$238,241

After these expenditures, there will be an estimated \$121,511 remaining. Because there is no timeline for when this funding needs to be spent, it is staff’s recommendation that we do not spend this money needlessly, but instead put it towards needs as they arise. We will continue to monitor the needs of the two departments

and re-evaluate how to use the remaining funds in the future. As of now, there are no specific reporting requirements for the City's expenditures, however, staff will carefully document the spending to be ready to provide that information if asked.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve the first version of the Public Safety Fund expenditures.