



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: January 22, 2024

Subject: Public Safety Aid Contribution to SBM Capital Fund

The City of Spring Lake Park received \$330,128 in one-time Public Safety Aid from the State of Minnesota. The Public Safety Aid can be used for the following purposes:

- Community violence prevention and intervention programs
- Community engagement
- Mental health crisis response
- Victim services
- Training programs
- First responder wellness
- Equipment related to fire, rescue and emergency services
- Other personnel or equipment costs

Ineligible expenditures include:

- Employer contribution to the public employee police and fire fund
- Any expenses related to alleged misconduct
- Purchase of tactical vehicles or tear gas
- Construction or improvements to a police station or related facilities

The cities of Blaine, Mounds View and Spring Lake Park, during their budget process, agreed to set aside 30% of this one-time Public Safety Aid as a contribution to the SBM Fire Department Capital Fund. This is in addition to the budgeted capital contribution. With this plan, the three cities will contribute the following amounts:

	Public Safety Aid	2024 Budget Contribution	Total 2024 Capital Contribution
Blaine	\$ 931,818.60	\$ 596,752.00	\$1,528,570.60
Mounds View	\$ 172,411.20	\$ 121,706.00	\$ 294,117.20
Spring Lake Park	\$ 99,038.40	\$ 66,742.00	\$ 165,780.40
Total	\$1,203,268.20	\$ 785,200.00	\$1,988,468.20

The goal of this additional one-time contribution is to help achieve the three cities' mutual goal of funding SBM Fire Department equipment/apparatus purchases with cash, rather than using debt.

The Fire Department is also seeking authorization for \$340,000 of the total \$1,203,268 contributed by the three cities to be transferred from the Capital Fund to SBM for the following purposes: 1) PPE - \$150,000; 2) uniforms - \$50,000; 3) squads - \$140,000. This will cover expenses associated with the transition to the Duty Crew response model.

Staff seeks City Council approval to 1) make the contribution to the City of Blaine, the fiscal agent of the SBM Capital Fund and 2) consent to the SBM Fire Department's public safety fund request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.