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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Author and title: Danny Renfrow – Chief of Police

Title: **Acceptance of Grant Award from the California Division of Boating and Waterways to Purchase Police and Rescue Patrol Boat**

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Town Council:

- A. Accept \$113,086.00 in grant funds awarded from the California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW); and
- B. Authorize the purchase of a new patrol boat and trailer from Bouton Boats, as specified in the grant application, for an amount not to exceed \$168,885; and
- C. Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$55,799 in COPs (Community Oriented Policing services) funding for the remaining balance of funds needed to purchase the new patrol boat and trailer.

Background: The Town of Truckee Police Department has been awarded a \$113,086.00 grant by the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for the acquisition of a new patrol boat and trailer. As part of the grant requirements, the Town is obligated to continue providing annual boating-related statistics to DBW, a task staff have historically performed.

The new vessel will replace the Town's 22-year-old patrol boat, significantly enhancing enforcement capabilities, safety, and operational efficiency on Donner Lake. This acquisition is a vital step in maintaining effective public safety and boating operations in the region.

The Town's current patrol boat, in service since 2002, is a 21-foot inboard aluminum jet boat equipped with a big-block inefficient V8 engine that has surpassed its useful life in public safety. The boat is increasingly costly to maintain, has outdated marine electronics, and is no longer adequate for modern law enforcement and safety operations.

Discussion:

The Truckee Police Department has designed a modern patrol and rescue boat with Boulton Boats to address current and future operational needs. The proposed 22-foot aluminum vessel will:

- Feature an enclosed cabin to provide protection from harsh weather conditions.
- Be equipped with dual outboard 4-stroke Honda engines for improved safety, fuel efficiency, and reliability.
- Include updated electronics to enhance daily operations, search and rescue missions, and recovery operations.

- Provide a dive access door, a drop-down bow for shore access, and ample deck space for deploying remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) during search and recovery missions.

Operational and Safety Benefits: The new vessel will improve operational efficiency and safety by:

- Reducing response times for boating-related incidents.
- Enhancing our dive team's ability to conduct safe training and search-and-rescue missions.
- Facilitating efficient deployment of the newly acquired ROV for underwater recovery operations.

The acquisition of a new patrol boat will provide the community with a higher level of public safety service on Donner Lake and surrounding waterways by enhancing law enforcement capabilities, improving operator safety, and supporting environmentally responsible operations.

Staff recommends that the additional \$55,799 needed to support the acquisition of the vessel be funded with use of COPS or Community Oriented Policing services, grant funds. COPS funds are grant dollars received by the Town annually to supplement community-oriented policing programs, equipment, services, etc. This is a direct allocation each year and does not require grant application for use. Use of COPS funds to support the acquisition of the patrol boat is a qualifying use of the funds. The Town currently has \$398,060 in unappropriated COPS funds, sufficient funding to support this acquisition. Therefore, staff recommends that the Town Council accept the grant funds from the California Department of Boating and Waterways, authorize the purchase of the new patrol boat from Bouton Boats for an amount not to exceed \$168,885, and authorize a budget adjustment of \$55,799 of COPS funding to support this acquisition.

Priority:

<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Service

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of the patrol boat and trailer is \$168,885. The grant award covers \$113,086.00, and the remaining \$55,799 will be funded using COPS grant funding.

Public Communication: This staff report

Attachments: None