



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Council Session

Item I-4

#2023-88 - Consideration of Approving the Application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Libby Finochiaro, Grants Administrator
Meeting: March 28, 2023
Subject: Firehouse Subs Grant Application
Presenter(s): Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Background

Grand Island Fire Department is requesting to apply to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of seventy-five Cairns 1044 Fire Helmets, totaling \$31,875.00. If we are selected, this generous grant opportunity would fully fund the purchase of the helmets for the department. The current helmets will be ten years old in July of 2023 and beyond their useful life. NFPA standards require the helmets to be retired ten years after their manufacture date.

The vendor quote has been attached to this packet for your review. The application will open on April 6, 2023 and is limited to the first six hundred applicants.

Discussion

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation fully funds the purchase of critical equipment for selected local fire departments to perform their life saving work. The current inventory of fire helmets worn by the Grand Island Fire Department will be ten years old in July of 2023 and must be retired from use at that time. If we are successfully awarded this grant, Firehouse Subs will purchase the helmets on our behalf or send a check directly to the city to make the purchase.

Fire helmets are a critical element to the protective gear worn by our team. The fire helmet protects our fire fighters from falling debris and hot embers during responses. The NFPA 1851 Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Firefighting and Proximity Firefighting states that the mandatory retirement age for helmets is ten years from the date of manufacture. Without the replacement of this gear, our firefighters lives would be in danger during their day to day operations and our department would no longer be following NFPA standards.

The Grand Island Fire Department has received a vendor quote, attached to this packet, for the purchase of seventy-five Cairns 1044 fire helmets for \$31,875.00.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of seventy-five fire helmets totaling \$31,875.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of seventy-five fire helmets totaling \$31,875.00.



Quote

EST-015908

Sandry Fire Supply LLC

618 6th Street
DeWitt, Iowa 52742
U.S.A
5636592357

Bill To
Grand Island, NE Fire/Ambulance
409 E. Fonner Park Rd.
Grand Island, NE 68801

Estimate Date : 03/21/23
Reference# : Firehouse Subs Grant
Sales person : Chris Rich

#	Item & Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1	msa27-RS 6" Helmet Front	75.00 Ea	65.00	4,875.00
2	msaTRD-71B2A122100 Cairns Traditional 1044, Black, defender visor, standard flannel, black nomex, brass eagle, nomex w/ quick release and postmans slide, reflexite, lime/yellow	75.00 Each	360.00	27,000.00
			Sub Total	31,875.00
			Total	\$31,875.00

Notes

Looking forward to earning your business.

Terms & Conditions

Shipping and Handling are not included in the above pricing

RESOLUTION 2023-88

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Fire Department is requesting to apply to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of seventy-five fire helmets for \$31,875.00.

WHEREAS, NFPA standards require fire helmets to be retired ten years from the date of manufacture and the current inventory of helmets will need to be retired in July of 2023; and

WHEREAS, if awarded this grant, the purchase of the helmets will be fully funded by Firehouse Subs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of seventy-five fire helmets for \$31,875.00 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant application on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 28, 2023.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 24, 2023	☐ City Attorney