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FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John A. Chisholm, Fire Chief

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SUBJECT: Council Report to Accompany a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Apply for Matching Grant Funding from the New Hampshire Department of Safety to Provide Technical Assistance for the Revision of the City's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Recommendation

The Fire Department requests that the City Council accept this report and approve the accompanying resolution.

Background

A current Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) is essential for a community's disaster preparedness and response planning efforts and should undergo a major update every five (5) years.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety makes available funding through its Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program. This program provides matching funds for projects related to community preparedness and continuity of operations. The Fire Department has received a quote from the selected vendor for \$4,000 to facilitate this project. This grant requires an in-kind match, which will be done as a "soft match" on the City's part entirely through labor provided by City staff working with the vendor to update the plan.

Discussion

The Fire Department will continue to report progress on the grant process and significant developments in plan revision.