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FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Chisholm, Fire Chief

DATE: January 22, 2023

SUBJECT: A report from the Fire Chief authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for grants totaling up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services for the time period ranging from October 1, 2023 to the end of Fiscal Year 2024 (June 30, 2024) for the purpose of reimbursement of overtime and backfill for Fire Department members to attend Technical Rescue courses.

Recommendation

The Fire Department requests that the City Council accept this report.

Background

The Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services offers a variety technician-level training courses. These classes occasionally qualify for grant funded reimbursement of overtime and back fill funds. There is no City match required for this grant. The Fire Department would like the ability to use these grant funds to offset training costs for Fire Department members.

Discussion

The Fire Department provides technical rescue service to the citizens and guests of the City of Concord. Technical rescue certifications and trainings are critical to effectively and safely mitigate technical rescue incidents. These rescue specialties include confined space rescue, swift water rescue, trench rescue, and high-angle (rope) rescue among others. The Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services has secured funding for grants which covers up to 100% of the overtime and back fill related expenses for these classes. The funding mechanism for these grants has been changed and they now require a formal grant approval process to be followed. These classes are often not advertised with enough time to seek City Council approval for each application. This request is to authorize applications for these grant-funded training opportunities for the remainder of FY24, not to exceed \$25,000.