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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John G. Thomas – Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: 2024 NH Tactical Officers Association Homeland Security Grant

Recommendation

Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for grant funding through the New Hampshire Department of Safety – State Homeland Security. Funds from this grant will be used by the Department to purchase equipment to assist the Concord Police Department and the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit for search and rescue operations. Authorization is requested to apply for up to \$16,000 in grant funding through this initiative.

Background

The New Hampshire Department of Safety has grant funding available under the State Homeland Security and the Concord Police Department is eligible to apply for this funding. This grant provides law enforcement agencies funding to purchase equipment to assist in search and rescue operations. This equipment will consist of helmet lights, a long-range acoustic device, ballistic shields, and a lap top computer with program mapping. The Department seeks to apply for this funding in order to equip the Department and members of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations with equipment to assist in search and rescue operations.

Discussion

This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to purchase equipment to assist with search and rescue operations conducted by the Department and members of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations. The equipment sought through this grant will assist in locating missing and lost people. There is no requirement for any matching city funds to be obligated for this grant program.

It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate these grant funds from the NH Department of Safety.