

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 15, 2023
Action Required:	Resolution approval
Presenter:	Michael Thomas, Interim Fire Chief
Staff Contacts:	Paula Woods, Administrative Assistant
Title:	Appropriating Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant funding for AEDs in the amount of \$14,550 (2nd reading)

Background

The Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) is a grant program for a nonprofit licensed EMS agency or other Virginia medical service organizations operating on a nonprofit basis exclusively for the benefit of the general public. Items eligible for funding include EMS equipment and vehicles, computers, EMS management programs, courses/ classes and projects benefiting the recruitment and retention of EMS members.

Discussion

The Charlottesville Fire Department (CFD) applied for a 50/50 grant through the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to purchase 16 LIFEPAK CR2 defibrillator-AEDs (AEDs) and was awarded funding in the amount of \$14,550.00 through RSAF.

The new AEDs are to replace the department's ten (10) current AEDs which are thirteen (13) years old. The additional AEDs help cover the department's increased need to add AEDs to our Bike Team, the Incident Support Unit (ISU), as the department's two (2) ERVs (Gators), and an increased number of vehicles.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

These funds align with the City's strategic plan under goal 2.1 Reduce adverse impact from sudden injury and illness and the effects of chronic disease and goal 5.1 Integrate effective business practices and strong fiscal policies.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

The grant requires a 50/50 match which will be covered from existing funds within the Fire Department budget.

Recommendation

Recommend appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives

None. Without the appropriation, the replacement for these devices would need to fall within the operating budget or need to be requested as an additional expenditure. The existing devices are at the end of their recommended service life and the pads are not able to be acquired.

Attachments

1. RSAF Grant - AEDs
2. Resolution - OEMS Grant for AEDs