



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: December 16, 2025

DATE: November 20, 2025

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that includes the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, mobile data computers (MDCs) and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and self-contained breathing apparatus ("SCBA") upgrades and replacements; and if accepted, authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents to accept the grant (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that includes the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, MDCs and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and SCBA upgrades and replacements.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

The district operates five different emergency service vehicle types, each outfitted with specialized communication and safety equipment. With the increased costs to repair, maintain, and replace our vehicles and equipment, increased lead times to receive equipment and apparatus, and increased costs for staffing, it has become necessary to approach the funding for capital needs differently than in years past. This project bundles several needs and is known as the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project. The project intends to tackle the most immediate needs of the district to keep our staff properly equipped. The project includes the

purchase of three (3) type I structure fire engines, district wide Mobile Data Computers and Mobile Routers, VHF Mobile/Portable Radios, and Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacements. The total project cost is estimated at \$4,591,038.78 and includes all apparatus and equipment as mentioned. The longest estimated delivery time is for the type I fire engines, which is estimated for October 2026.

Staff became aware of and pursued an opportunity for a grant to fund this project. Staff submitted a proposal to the William N. Pennington Foundation for 70% of the total project cost. In the foundation's reply, they have agreed to fund the project as requested and provide the district with \$3,213,727.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the grant award will result in the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget by an increase of \$3,213,727 - Capital Projects Fund -Miscellaneous Grants and an increase of \$3,213,727 in expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund allocated between capital outlay and services and supplies. With acceptance of this grant, the needed match components in the amount of \$1,377,311 needed to complete the project are within the fiscal year 2025-2027 budgets. The amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget will be brought back to the Board of Fire Commissioners as part of a future comprehensive budget amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board accept a grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that includes the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, MDCs and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and SCBA upgrades and replacements; and authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents to receive the grant.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion can be:

"I move to accept a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that includes the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, MDCs and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and SCBA upgrades and replacements; authorize the Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents to receive the grant."