



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

DATE: August 17, 2021
TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$30,640.00 for the purchase of two Unimac Gear Washer/Extractors, two Gear Dryers, bases, accessories for the purpose of upgrading existing equipment and increasing capacity to decontaminate firefighting personal protective equipment, and, if accepted, approve a resolution directing staff to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

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PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

On a quarterly basis, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation accepts the first 600 grant applications from across the nation. The “mission [of the foundation] is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations.” More than 70% of the funds raised for the Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand. District staff identified the need for gear washers/dryers and applied for this grant in the beginning of calendar year 2021.

Firefighting turnouts, gloves, flash hoods, and wildland trousers, shirts, and shrouds along with other personal protective equipment (PPE) are the primary components of a firefighter’s safety equipment. The exposure of PPE to products of combustion from fires, dirt, fluids found in auto accidents, and other carcinogens requires proper cleaning to remove contaminants. To maximize cost effectiveness, the

District conducts general cleaning in-house, allowing for increased cleaning frequency and reducing exposures for the user. Less frequently, but when needed, PPE is sent to a third party for advanced cleaning, inspection, and repair.

The District has two washer/extractors and two dryers in service. One pair is aged beyond its service life. As staffing numbers increase the District needs to increase its in-house capacity. This generous grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, co-sponsored by the Anita Carter Cancer Prevention Funds allows the District to replace aging units and increase cleaning capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the grant award will result in the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund budget by an increase of \$30,640.00 in both donations and contributions revenues and non-capital equipment expenditures. The grant covers the cost of equipment, \$29,040.00, plus \$1,600.00 towards freight and installation. Additional costs of freight, installation, or building upgrades will remain within the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the board accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$30,640.00 for the purchase of two Unimac Gear Washer/Extractors, two Gear Dryers, bases, accessories for the purpose of upgrading existing equipment and increasing capacity to decontaminate firefighting personal protective equipment and approve a resolution directing staff to make the necessary budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with Staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$30,640.00 for the purchase of two Unimac Gear Washer/Extractors, two Gear Dryers, bases, accessories for the purpose of upgrading existing equipment and increasing capacity to decontaminate firefighting personal protective equipment and approve a resolution directing staff to make the necessary budget adjustments."