

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 19-141
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, December 17, 2019
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone & Chief Michael Gagnon
PREPARED BY: Capt. George Feole
SUBJECT: Walmart Community Grant Program

PURPOSE: Consider applying for and accepting funding from Walmart via the Walmart Community Grant Program.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Council is urged to accept this donation as allowed under both Town Charter and state statutes.

BACKGROUND: Recently Walmart managers contacted both the Police Department and the Fire Department and advised that they would like to provide a grant of \$2,000 to each department as part of their Community Grant Program. The funds come without restriction on use.

In order to electronically apply for the funds, a document must be provided asserting, among other things, that the applicant has authority to apply for the funding.

DISCUSSION: The Town Charter designates that the Town Council may apply for and accept grants or gifts. Specifically, "**SECTION 9.15 Grants, Gifts;** provides in part, that the Town Council may apply for, accept and expend monies received from the State, Federal, or other governmental units, or from private sources which become available during the fiscal year." The Police Department plans to utilize its portion of the funds to purchase two ballistic shields requiring replacement. The Fire Department will expend the grant on Fire Prevention supplies. As the grant is less than \$10,000, no public hearing is required pursuant to RSA 31:95-b.

FISCAL IMPACT: The acceptance of these funds will have no negative impact on the budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL: Grant authority to the Town Administrator to apply for, accept and expend without further Town Council action, grant funds associated with the Walmart Community Grant Program in the amount of \$4,000.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 2019-070 (Please read the Resolution)

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