



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 20-03
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, January 7, 2020
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone
PREPARED BY: Capt. George Feole
SUBJECT: CHAD Safe and Active Community Grant Program

PURPOSE: Consider applying for and accepting a grant of safety helmets from the Injury Prevention Center, Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is urged to act favorably upon this Resolution.

BACKGROUND: The Injury Prevention Center, (CHaD) Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth - Hitchcock, has announced the 2020 Safe and Active Community Grant Program; the program offers safety gear including bike helmets to communities in order to promote safe outdoor activity for children and their families.

As part of the Town of Derry Touch-a-Truck event held each spring, the Police Department facilitates a BMX trick bicycle show. In conjunction with the show, the Department provides safety helmets to attendees at no cost. Over the last 2 events, we have distributed 500 helmets to community members, 200 the first year and 300 last year. Each year we have had to turn folks away as demand far exceeded available inventory.

For the Spring 2020 event we would like to apply for a grant of 500 helmets from the Injury Prevention Center.

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.” Further, RSA 31:95-e authorizes the Town Council to accept gifts other than money.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL: Grant authority to the Town Administrator to apply for and accept a gift of 500 safety helmets for distribution to children and their families without further Town Council action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution #2020-001 (please read the motion)

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