



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: 21-31
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone
PREPARED BY: Capt. George Feole & Lt. David Michaud
SUBJECT: CHAD 2021 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 Council is encouraged to support this initiative by enacting Resolution #2021-019.

BACKGROUND: The Injury Prevention Center, (CHaD) Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth - Hitchcock, has announced the 2021 Safe and Active Community Grant Program; the program offers safety gear including bike helmets to communities to promote safe outdoor activity for children and their families.

Derry PD has previously provided these safety helmets to children as part of the Town of Derry Touch-a-Truck event held each spring, at no cost. Due to the Touch-a-Truck event being canceled for 2021, the police department plans to issue these helmets at the National Night Out event on August 3, 2021 as well as at the Boys and Girls Club and other events that may occur during the grant period. These events will all include an educational component for the children receiving the helmet. Over the last 3 years, we have distributed 800 helmets to community members, 200 the first year and 300 each of the last two years. Each year we have had to turn folks away as demand far exceeded available inventory. Though Demand has been strong, since the Touch-a-Truck is cancelled we would like to apply for a grant of 200 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.”

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 200 safety helmets for distribution to children and their families without further Town Council action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 21-019