



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 22-32
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, March 01, 2022
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone
PREPARED BY: Capt. George Feole & Lt. David Michaud
SUBJECT: CHAD 2022 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 support this initiative which will enhance bicycle safety throughout the community. As the anticipated award is under \$5,000, a public hearing is not required pursuant to RSA 31-:95-e.

BACKGROUND: The Injury Prevention Center, (CHaD) Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth - Hitchcock, has announced the 2022 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. We tentatively have the 2022 Touch-a Truck scheduled for June 4, 2022. The Touch-a-Truck will 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. This year we anticipate receiving up to 200 safety helmets. The actual amount will be determined by 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 up to 200 safety helmets for distribution to children and their families without further Town Council action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 22-017