



AGENDA ITEM #: 23-21
COUNCIL MTG OF: March 7, 2023
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: James K. Richardson, EM Director
PREPARED BY: Scott Haggart, Battalion Chief-Operations
SUBJECT: Active Threat Grant Request

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 3-21-23

PURPOSE:

Recommendation to apply for and accept a NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Training and Exercise Grant funds for the purpose of enhancing our ability to respond to a terrorist event or active threat.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for a NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Training and Exercise Grant. The amount of this grant request is \$37,632.96 with no cost share.

BACKGROUND:

The Derry Fire and Police Departments continue to collaborate with Pinkerton Academy and our Schools to assure we are equipped, trained and prepared to respond terrorist and active threat events. With the assistance of NH Homeland Security and the NH School Readiness Program, we have identified four core areas for Derry responders to focus on. These four exercises will take place over the next year. This grant will allow our responders to attend the training and exercises off duty while maintaining coverage throughout our community. In addition to off duty pay the grant will also cover supplies, food, and beverage during the exercises. We intend to build upon this training by requesting additional grant funding at later date for a full-scale drill.

DISCUSSION:

Active threat and terrorist events can happen in any community at any time. It is important that we train our responders to be prepared to respond to such an incident.

FISCAL IMPACT:

After the grant is awarded, the town will be awarded the funds to cover overtime costs, supplies and meals associated with the exercises designed to enhance our ability to respond to a terrorist or active threat event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

Allow the Town Administrator to apply for and accept a NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Training and Exercise Grant for the purpose of enhancing our ability to respond to terrorist and active threat situations.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Please see Resolution #2023-018 (Action after the March 21, 2023, public hearing).



RESOLUTION

Number 2023-018

To Apply for, Accept and Expend a Homeland Security Grant
for Active Threat Response

WHEREAS, Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security provides grant funding for communities to enhance response to a terrorist or active threat; and

WHEREAS, participation in this training would allow our first responders to better protect our community, including our school children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL, that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, and if granted, expend no more than \$64,500 from Homeland Security for participation in terrorist and active threat training to the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Level.

Adopted: March 21, 2023

Attest:

X _____

_____, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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