



AGENDA ITEM #: 23-23
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief George R. Feole
PREPARED BY: Captain David M. Michaud
SUBJECT: CHAD 2023 Safe and Active Community Grant Program

STAFF REPORT

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 2023 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 2023 Touch-a Truck scheduled for June 3, 2023. The Touch-a-Truck event will include an educational component for the children receiving the helmet. Over the last 4 years, we have distributed 1000 helmets to community members. Each year we have had to turn folks away as demand far exceeded available inventory. This year we anticipate receiving up to 300 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 300 safety helmets for distribution to children and their families without further Town Council action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolution Number 23-015

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RESOLUTION

Number 2023-015

To Apply for and Accept A Gift from the Injury Prevention Center at the
Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

WHEREAS, RSA 31:95-e authorizes the Town Council to accept gifts, other than money, to be used for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Injury Prevention Center at the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock (CHAD) has announced the 2023 Safe and Active Community Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has partnered with CHAD to distribute bicycle helmets to community members as part of the Department’s BMX trick bicycle show; and

WHEREAS, the Department has distributed a total of 1,000 helmets over the past four years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a gift of personal property at a value of less than \$5,000 from CHAD to promote bicycle safety.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: March 7, 2023

Attest:

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Joshua Bourdon, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____