



AGENDA ITEM #: 24-41
COUNCIL MTG OF: Tuesday, May 7, 2024
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief George R. Feole
PREPARED BY: Captain David M. Michaud
SUBJECT: CHAD 2024 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 Council, under Resolution #2023-039 authorized the acceptance of grants and gifts under \$1,000 to be included in the Consent Agenda. Recommend acceptance under Consent on the May 7, 2024 agenda.

BACKGROUND: The Injury Prevention Center, (CHaD) Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, has announced the 2024 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 have scheduled the 2024 Touch-a-Truck for June 1, 2024. The Touch-a-Truck event will include an educational component for the children receiving the helmet. Over the last 5 years, we have distributed 1300 helmets to community members. Each year we have had to turn folks away as demand far exceeded available inventory. This year we anticipate receiving 72 safety helmets, which is less than previous years, but still allows us to disseminate these to children in the community.

DISCUSSION: The Town Charter states 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 72 safety helmets for distribution to children and their families without further Town Council action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: As the value of the gift is approximately \$800, accept Resolution #2024-026 under the Consent Agenda at the May 7, 2024 meeting.

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RESOLUTION

Number 2024-026

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 of 72 helmets at a value of \$800 from CHAD to promote bicycle safety.

Pursuant to Resolution #2023-039, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage in the Consent Agenda.

Adopted: May 7, 2024

Attest:

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Erin Spencer, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____