



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2021**
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: HARTFORD JUNIOR FIRE MARSHAL PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept funding from The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support fire safety education efforts and programming.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program Grant in the amount of \$5,000; and
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in an equal amount in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program accounts.

BACKGROUND:

The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal program is one of the United States oldest corporate-sponsored public education program. The program has taught fire safety and prevention to children across the country for more than 70 years. To date over 111 million children have benefited from the program. In 2017, The Hartford pledged to reach more communities and children, committing millions of dollars in grants to U.S. school districts and fire departments with the goal of reaching more than 115 million children by 2022.

DISCUSSION:

The Hartford Junior Fire Marshall Program promotes fire safety education to school age students. The program is geared to teach lifesaving lessons, along with other fun, engaging educational activities to assist parents and teachers to have a meaningful fire safety conversation with children and students. The grant funding will provide educational material such as printed materials, supplies, and smoke detectors.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program has empowered individuals over the past decade by improving the quality of education and training within the community.
2. **Equity** – Funding provided by The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program will assist the Fire Department to conduct fire education to our diverse school-aged students in the community.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Through the use of The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal funding, the Fire Department subsidizes costs associated with educational materials, smoke alarms, and miscellaneous supplies.
4. **Innovation** – The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program provides funds for educational materials to support fire safety education efforts within the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Educating school-aged students through The Hartford Junior Fire Marshal Program creates a balance that benefits the Riverside Fire Department and ultimately the community. The program is an important tool in keeping kids and families in our neighborhoods fire safe.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$5,000. Upon Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenues and appropriation expenditures in the amount of \$5,000 will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, The Hartford Fire Marshal Program revenue account number 9920300-339000 and expenditure account 9920300-426800. No matching funds are required.

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