



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 16, 2024**

**FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,181.07 FROM THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION FIRST RESPONDERS OUTREACH GRANT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the acceptance of grant funds from the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responders Outreach Grant in the amount of \$26,181.07 to purchase equipment and supplies for the department's community-based outreach and employee wellness programs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds from the Gary Sinise Foundation in the amount of \$26,181.07 to purchase equipment and supplies for the department's community-based outreach and employee wellness programs.
2. With five affirmative votes, and upon receipt of the grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$26,181.07, or in the amount of the grant award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police-Community Service Bureau, First Responders Outreach Grant.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Gary Sinise Foundation offers grants to first responders and families of fallen heroes. They provide essential equipment, training, and critical funding for law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and support summer camps for grieving children.

## **DISCUSSION:**

In March 2024, the Riverside Police Department (RPD) applied to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responders Outreach Grant to help replace 40 obsolete tablets that are currently being

used by Riverside Youth Court and You Are Not Alone (YANA) Programs. In addition to these tablets, RPD requested funding to purchase gym equipment to enhance its wellness program. The total amount of the grant request was \$26,181.07.

In June 2024, RPD staff met with the Gary Sinise Foundation to discuss the grant application and were immediately notified that the grant award was approved. Upon City Council approval, RPD will accept the grant funds and move forward with the grant approved purchases.

There are no shared cost obligations associated with this grant.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 4 *Employee Wellness Program* and Goal No. 5 *Community Well-Being*.

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

1. **Community Trust** – The proposed grant funds will allow the Police Department to purchase equipment and supplies needed for the Department to serve the public interest, benefit the City’s diverse populations, and result in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The proposed grant funds will allow the Police Department to purchase equipment and supplies needed to continue to provide community outreach programs, public safety services and ensure every member of the community has equal access to share in the benefits.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The proposed grant funds will be used to fund community outreach programs and further employee wellness efforts. All purchases will be made in accordance with the City’s Purchasing Policy and will be managed responsibly. The funding source is a non-General Fund source.
4. **Innovation** – The proposed grant funds will be used to make purchases that will assist the Police Department in meeting the community’s changing needs and prepare for the future.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The proposed grant funds provide the Police Department with a way to fund needed equipment, supplies, and services for community outreach programs and employee wellness efforts without using the General Fund. This allows the Department to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenues and expenditures of \$26,181.07. Upon City Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$26,181.07, or in the amount of the grant award, will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police-Community Service Bureau, First Responders Outreach Grant, Revenue account No. 9928200-339000 and Expenditure account No. 9928200-426800.

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