

Council Business Meeting

June 7, 2022

Agenda Item	Authorization to Partner with Elk's Lodge on AED Grant Application	
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SUMMARY

Staff is seeking Council authorization to partner with the Elk's Lodge to apply for a grant.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

None

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Ashland Police Department was approached by the grants manager at Ashland's Elk's Lodge to partner on a public safety needs grant. The Elk's Lodge is positioned to potentially ask their national organization for a \$4,000 grant to lessen the burden of a local government to deliver services to the community. One way that this can be accomplished is through the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that are critical in saving the lives of people suffering from cardiac arrest. Every Ashland police officer is trained to use these devices, and the purchase of additional devices can make them more readily available to officers responding to people in distress. Each device costs approximately \$1,200. If the grant process is successful APD would use the money to purchase four AEDs for deployment in patrol cars. Currently none of the patrol cars have AEDs in them. The approximately \$800 overage would be absorbed in the police department's budget.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The unaccounted for \$800 can be absorbed in the department's budget. The \$4,000 contributed by the Elk's Lodge would have to be included in a supplemental budget added back into the department's budget at a later date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approves APD's participation in applying for the grant through the Elk's Lodge.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move Council authorizes the police department to apply for this grant through the Elk's Lodge.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

None