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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Attn: Kris M. Busse, City Administrator
540 West Hills Circle
Owatonna, MN 55060-0800

From: Ed Hoffman, Fire Chief

Subject: Acceptance Owatonna Foundation Grant

Purpose:

This is a request for council approval authorizing the acceptance of the Owatonna Foundation Grant and commitment of matching funds.

Background:

Part of our response duties include responding to vehicle accidents. Our toolset includes lifting and stabilization rescue equipment, specifically air bags for lifting and rescue struts for stabilization.

The air bag systems we carry on our engines is aging. The newest airbag we have is 16 years old and others up to 18 years old. Both NFPA (1936) and the manufacturer state that they should be no older than 15 years. This project will provide for 2 matching air bag sets (one on each of our primary engines).

Currently for stabilization, we have 1 set of stabilization struts. This project will provide for a second matching set for both our primary engines.

Completing this project will provide the following benefits:

- 1) The safety of our rescue response will be improved by having current and up-to-date air bags that meet NFPA and manufacturers recommendations.
- 2) The specific equipment specified is the brand as our current equipment allowing us to leverage our current equipment and thus keeping costs down.
- 3) We will have the same lifting and stabilization equipment on our two primary engines. This gives us greater flexibility in our response to calls.

Budget Impact:

The project quote is for \$19,196.75. This includes shipping and a trade-in credit for our existing air bags.

The breakdown of costs:

Grant from Owatonna Foundation:	\$9,598.38
City funds (from Grant matching account)	<u>\$9,598.39</u>
TOTAL Project Costs	\$19,196.75

Staff Recommendation:

I recommend approval to accept the grant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ed Hoffman

Fire Chief, City of Owatonna