

STAFF REPORT

March 22, 2021

Topic: Second reading of Resolution 2021-04, relative to the acceptance of the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a Command Vehicle for the Laconia Police Department.

Discussion: The command vehicle will serve as a mobile command center that would allow the LPD to enhance operational communications with partnering emergency services and police departments during major events such as Motorcycle Week and Pumpkin Festival and during active threat situation, including acts of terrorism. Recent full scale active threat exercises highlighted a gap in our ability to operationalize communications to prevent or minimize an active threat. The only other vehicle available is through Homeland Security in Concord and must be reserved ahead of time, which is not conducive to immediate need. The New Hampshire Department of Safety notified the City that its grant application had been awarded in late 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None - The entire cost of this mobile command center is covered by the 2020 Homeland Security Grant, there is no local match requirement.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that a public hearing be scheduled in relation to acceptance of this grant award.

This report submitted by: Glenn Smith, Finance Director

Proposed motion:

“I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2021-04 in its entirety and to read by title only.”

“I move a second reading of Resolution 2021-04, relative to the acceptance of the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a Command Vehicle for the Laconia Police Department.”

“I move to approve Resolution 2021-04, relative to the acceptance of the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a Command Vehicle for the Laconia Police Department.”