

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: May 1, 2023  
Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Financial Allocation and Grant Award Acceptance  
**REPORT BY:** Heather Rowden, Finance & Administrative Services Director

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**SUMMARY**

This report seeks City Council authorization for allocation of reserve funds for payment of the 2021 Fire Engine lease purchase agreement; and acceptance of grant funds for police officer mental health resources.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-24, to accept and appropriate funds for public safety.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

State fiscal laws require a City Council to accept and appropriate all funds in a specific manner. Two allocations regarding funds for public safety are recommended as part of this agenda item:

- 1) Use of Fire Department Reserve Funds for lease payments on the 2021 Fire Engine lease purchase agreement; and
- 2) Acceptance and authorization for use of a State grant for Police Officer mental health resources.

**2021 Fire Engine Lease Purchase Agreement**

In September 2021, Council authorized the acquisition of a Fire Engine through a lease-purchase agreement. Lease payments were anticipated to be funded from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve fund for several years, being partially supplemented by contributions to the reserve from the general fund. Due to an oversight in Finance, the approval of use of reserves was overlooked. This resolution resolves that oversight and allows staff to utilize reserve funds for these capital lease payments.

**Grant Award – State Officer Wellness and Mental Health Program**

The City has received \$20,000 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections State Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources. The funds are dedicated for this purpose and cannot be used for any other. It is necessary that the Council accept the funds and authorize

staff to spend them per the State grant guidelines. More information on the program can be found on the State's website at <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/officer-wellness-and-mental-health-grant-program/>.

**SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable.

**SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES**

Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These are technical requirements for municipal accounting and will not affect planned budgeted amounts.

**Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 2023-24