

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE March 21, 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors

FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Acceptance of grant funds from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

SUMMARY:

The Coos Bay Police Department applied for a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase K-9 vehicle equipment, and they were awarded \$1,900.48.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow Police Department staff to accept and expend \$1,900.48 in grant funds from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

BACKGROUND:

Coos Bay Police Sergeant Robert Lounsbury is an avid Triathlete, and he has participated in several Full Iron Man Triathlons. In 2015, Sgt. Lounsbury applied for a sponsorship from a sandwich company called Firehouse Subs. Firehouse Subs has a program that sponsors Public Safety First Responders from around the nation that participates in Iron Man Triathlons. After Sgt. Lounsbury was chosen as one of the five Firehouse Subs sponsored athletes, he was injured while training for the Phoenix Arizona Iron Man Triathlon, so he was unable to participate.

Being associated with the Firehouse Subs Company, Sgt. Lounsbury became aware of a grant program through Firehouse Subs that provides grant funding for Public Safety First Responder agencies. Sgt. Lounsbury knew of a need for K-9 vehicle equipment that would allow the K-9 Officers to remotely open their K-9 cage doors and release the K-9's in an emergency as well as temperature controlled cooling fans that will provide cooling for the K-9's during the warmer summer months. Sgt. Lounsbury completed the grant application and submitted the grant. Sgt. Lounsbury was notified in January that the Police Department had been awarded the grant funds to purchase the approved K-9 vehicle emergency equipment.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.