



State Grants for Police and Fire

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Jamie Justice, Town Manager
Date: December 4, 2018

1. OVERVIEW

In the 2018 State legislative short session, legislation was passed that included the town of Davidson receiving two grants - \$100,000 for police equipment and \$100,000 for fire equipment. Town staff has made contact with the state budget office to determine the process of receiving those funds. The state budget office advised that we submit the requested equipment needs to finalize the grant paperwork and then, after state budget office approval, we can begin moving forward with purchasing the equipment. Police Chief Penny Dunn, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, and Finance Director Piet Swart developed the attached proposed equipment requests that meet the grant funding criteria.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic plan:

Operations Goal: Davidson will maintain organizational excellence through sound financial management, training and retention of quality employees, and superior service to the community.

Tactical priority 1: sound financial management

Tactical priority 2: capital and maintenance needs

Core value(s):

Davidson must be a safe place to live, work, and raise a family, so the town will work in partnership with the community to prevent crime and protect lives, property, and the public realm.

Davidson exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions, so we strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.

Constituents served:

All citizens.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Option 1: Approve the requested equipment needs and accept the grant.

Pros:

Provides the police and fire departments with needed equipment for public safety purposes.
Funds the needed equipment purchases now thereby freeing up town of Davidson taxpayer dollars for other much-needed purchases in next year's budget.
Saves town of Davidson taxpayer funds by utilizing state grant funds for these purchases.

Cons:

None.

Option 2: Reject the requested equipment needs and reject the grant.

Pros:

None.

Cons:

These requested equipment purchases would be delayed and likely be considered for funding in the town of Davidson budget for the next budget cycle.
Would require utilizing town funds for this equipment rather than state funds thereby not saving town of Davidson tax dollars.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

For discussion. Staff and Town Manager recommend approval of the requested equipment needs.

5. NEXT STEPS

If the board agrees with the equipment requests, we would ask that the board take action to approve the equipment requests/budget authorization at the December 11th board meeting.