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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Jena Stasik, Community Relations Manager
CC: Thomas Sheridan, City Manager, Brian Griffith, Assistant City Manager, Greg Hannan, Community Development Director; Fire Chief Jerry Varnes
Date: June 23, 2025
Subject: FY24 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S)

The Fiscal Year 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant is a federally funded opportunity administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The primary goal of the FP&S Grant is to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The FP&S Grant is divided into two main categories: 1) Fire Prevention and Safety Activities, or 2) Firefighter Safety Research and Development. The City of Hudson could receive the requested amount of \$45,000 with a 5% match of \$2,250.

Project Description

The City of Hudson desires FP&S funding to continue supporting the Fire Safe Seniors Program first introduced in 2018 for individuals 65 and over living independently in their homes. According to the 2020 census, 9.4% of the population in the City of Hudson meets the criteria of this program with 503 seniors currently enrolled. The FP&S funding would be used to purchase carbon monoxide detectors, Knox boxes, and marketing materials to serve 100 additional participants (at approximately \$450 per resident).

The current program includes the following items: Knox box, carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms, and other items, such as reflective address numbers, and/or bed shaker/strobe for hearing impaired if available.

American Red Cross is a current partner for smoke detectors.

Budget

100 Knox Boxes	\$ 40,000.00
100 Carbon Monoxide Detectors	\$ 4,294.00
Marketing/Promotional Materials	\$ 700.00
Total	\$ 44,994.00

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council affirm application submittal to the FY24 FP&S Grant to support the Fire Safe Seniors Program by the City Manager's designee.