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MEMORANDUM

September 22, 2022

To: Finance Committee, Safety & Licensing Committee, and Common Council
From: Jeremy Hansen, Fire Chief
Cc: Ryan Weyers, Deputy Chief
Doug Vrechek, Battalion Chief of Resource Development & Special Operations
Re: Request to Accept Emergency Medical Service (EMS) FLEX Grant

Across the State of Wisconsin, the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Flex Grant will provide \$32 million to stabilize EMS providers and to ensure they can continue to respond to emergencies across Wisconsin. EMS providers in Wisconsin have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by greater demand for EMS services, increased costs associated with providing those services, and limitations on public funding for those services created by the economic consequences of the pandemic. Therefore, all EMS services licensed in the State of Wisconsin were eligible to request funding in this grant process.

In 2021, the AFD responded to 6,841 calls for service with a total of 5,180 that were for medical emergencies. EMS response accounts for 76% of the fire department's calls for service. The Fire Department requested EMS Flex Grant funding to meet a variety of our medical incident response needs totaling \$94,100. The actual award was reduced to \$51,270.

Therefore, the Appleton Fire Department (AFD) is requesting approval to accept the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, EMS Flex Grant in the amount of \$51,270.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (920) 832-5810. Thank you for your consideration.