

PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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**To:** Finance Committee

From: Dean R. Gazza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

**Date:** August 20, 2018

**Re:** Action: Accept Grant from Home Depot for \$13,200

The City of Appleton was awarded a grant from The Home Depot Foundation for \$13,200 to complete kitchen and restroom renovations at Fire Station #3. In addition, Home Depot will be providing the labor to complete the work. Our staff will be providing a limited amount of labor also.

This grant was initiated by a resident, Melissa Brown, who brought her preschool class on a field trip to Fire Station #3. While there she noticed that the kitchen and other areas needed some updating. She was aware that Home Depot partnered with local non-profits to help their communities.

Ms. Brown recognizes that the men and women of our Fire Department commit their lives to keeping the citizens of Appleton safe and recognizes that some of these staff have also served in our military. The grant helps provide a "home away from home" as they spend much time at the fire stations.

Our capital improvement budget includes updates to fire station kitchens and bathrooms so this grant will offset future capital expenditures in the capital improvement plan.

Please feel free to contact me at 832-5572 with any questions, or by email at dean.gazza@appleton.org.