



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

November 19, 2012

TO: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

FROM: Tom Darling, Financial Services Director
William S. Nelson, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Scripps Howard Foundation Grant

Background

Firefighter Jack Johansson, Fire Station 6, is employed by WXYZ-TV in Southfield. Because of his experience with video and television production, he volunteered to assist the department with creating training and public education videos. One of the challenges identified was the lack of a suitable video camera in the fire department. Firefighter Johansson indicated that WXYZ's parent organization, Scripps Howard, has a foundation that provides grants to volunteer organizations. He offered to apply for a grant for the Troy Fire Department to purchase a video camera and accessories to facilitate the development of training and educational videos. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00 on October 26, 2012.

Financial Considerations

The grant is for \$1,000.00 and will be used to purchase a video camera and required accessories.

Legal Considerations

There are no legal considerations regarding the acceptance of this grant.

Policy Considerations

Acceptance of this grant and the purchase of the protective equipment supports the volunteer firefighters who help to make this a safe community. (Outcome Statement I)

Recommendation

City management recommends that the Scripps Howard Foundation grant be accepted in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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October 26, 2012

Jack Johansson
WXYZ-TV
20777 W. Ten Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48037

Dear Jack,

Thank you for submitting a grant application to the Scripps Howard Foundation Volunteer Grant Program.

Congratulations! Your request on behalf of the Troy Fire Department has been approved. Enclosed is our check, payable to the City of Troy, in the amount of \$1,000. Please make arrangements to personally present this check to your organization as soon as possible.

This Volunteer Grant is to be used to purchase video equipment and accessories for training sessions and fire prevention education.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to your community. I have enclosed a Scripps Howard Foundation 50th anniversary journal book as our gift - to you - for taking time to volunteer in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Vickie'.

Vickie Martin

cc: William Nelson, Chief, Troy Fire Department