

City Council Item

August 10, 2026



Item	Resolution 2026:XX: CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grant Award	
File No.		Item No: D.16
Agenda Section	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>	
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<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>	
"The Chanhassen City Council adopts the resolution accepting the CenterPoint Energy Community Safety grant."	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Financial Sustainability

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grant program has a longstanding presence in Chanhassen, with the city regularly participating in the application process to secure funding for public safety initiatives. The program, established by CenterPoint Energy in 2003, is designed to provide financial support to communities within the company's service area for projects that enhance emergency response and public safety. Over the years, the City of Chanhassen has utilized this grant program to obtain critical safety equipment for the Fire Department, including gas monitoring devices, thermal imaging cameras, and specialized rescue equipment. The grant program operates on a competitive basis, with awards determined by CenterPoint Energy's established criteria and available funding each year.

The city's authority to accept and utilize such grants is governed by municipal procedures, which require City Council approval for the formal acceptance and allocation of external funding. This process

ensures transparency and accountability in the management of grant resources and aligns with the City's broader strategy to supplement local funding with external sources for essential public safety improvements.

DISCUSSION

BUDGET

The CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grant provides \$2,500 in external funding to the city, specifically designated for the purchase of gas monitors for the Fire Department. The remaining funds necessary for support of this project will come from charitable gambling funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Chanhassen City Council adopts resolution 2026-XX accepting the CenterPoint Energy Community Safety grant.

ATTACHMENTS

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