



Department Source: Fire Department

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff Council

Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

Re: Grant acceptance – MFA Oil Foundation grant program

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a grant agreement, totaling \$2,000, with the MFA Oil Foundation. The grant funding will provide \$2,000 to offset the costs in purchasing an OSCR360 Camera for the Fire Department.

Discussion

The Fire Department and Grant Office staff applied for a grant through the MFA Oil Foundation. Columbia was one of entities selected for the 2024 award cycle. A copy of the grant agreement is attached for review.

The grant will provide a total of \$2,000.

Staff intend to use this grant to assist in purchasing an OSCR360 Camera. The OSCR360 is used for documenting various scenes ranging from the most involved fire scene investigations to the simple municipal code violations. The OSCR360 assists investigators with documenting scenes and capturing photographic evidence more quickly and efficiently. The OSCR360 software allows users to provide a virtual walkthrough of the scene, connect evidence to where it was discovered, and give additional context to the investigation. The viewer software is also available to councilors and in courtrooms to describe the scene for trials. OSCR is used for fire scene investigations, fire service training, emergency management planning, active shooter training, forensic science curriculum, environmental safety, and more. The Columbia Fire Department assets are commonly called to assist agencies statewide with complex scenes and investigations. We will use the OSCR360 camera similar to our Arson Detection Canine when a fire marshal is requested to assist with an investigation.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$6,401 for a match to purchase the associated software.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Safe Community

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: N/A



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the grant agreement with the MFA Oil Foundation.