



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Finance Committee

From: Rich Olson, City Manager
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Chief of Police

Date: May 22, 2019

Subject: Consideration - Accept "2019 Wal-Mart Community Grant"

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department, in its on-going quest to seek grant funding opportunities from outside sources that will enhance operations and further the department's mission of the pursuit of excellence, submitted an application to the 2019 Wal-Mart Community Grant opportunity. The City Council granted permission to apply for this grant in February 2019; in the application, staff budgeted for a Carolina cooker, Kettle Popper machine, snow cone maker, tables, and chairs, all to be used by the Community Resources Unit while at community/neighborhood events during the year. On May 7, 2019, email correspondence was received from the Wal-Mart Community Grants Team and Facility #1527, advising that the Elizabeth City Police Department has been selected to receive a \$2,000.00 grant award.

ANALYSIS:

The Wal-Mart Community Grant Program provides organizations with resources to better serve their communities. Its goal is to educate citizens and give back to the community; this is also a goal of the Elizabeth City Police Department's Community Resources Unit. Law Enforcement studies have shown that hosting community events increases the community's awareness of crime and specific criminal activity; provides suggestions/activities to reduce or remove opportunity for crime; and can be used to build a community safety presence or to forge consensus among groups or interests as to how to approach a particular crime problem.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, recommend that the City Council approve the Elizabeth City Police Department's acceptance of grant funding from the 2019 Wal-Mart Community Grant, in the amount of \$2,000.00.