



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Chief John Klug

DATE: June 3, 2021

SUBJECT: RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND – APPLICATION FOR POLICE BIKES

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend approval of application to the Rural Community Grant Fund for the purchase of two Specialized Police Bikes; and,
2. If awarded, allow the Mayor or Chief of Police to sign the award acceptance documents and purchase the bikes.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

John Klug, Chief of Police 857-9800

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Minot Police Department has seen increased demand on their Bike Patrol and the bikes are beginning to age. The funding for the bikes in this grant are Specialized Turbo Levo E-Bikes which are battery powered to assist the operator when negotiating hills or long distances. These were cut in the 2021 budget and this grant opportunity allows for the possibility of purchasing the E-Bikes through grant funding and the department would only have to spend approximately \$1,200 to equip them with the police equipment. This will allow for an increased useability of Bike Patrol which is an excellent way to connect with the community while providing police services.

B. Proposed Project

The Minot Police Department will use the grant funding for the purchase of two (2) Specialized Turbo Levo Police E-Bikes. This purchase will increase our total number of bikes and allow for more integration and commitment to community events.

C. Consultant Selection

Specialized Levo police bikes have been used by Minot Police Department and have been a high-quality product. These bikes can be purchased and maintained locally through Val's Cyclery.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

These police bikes will allow for an increased ability to use our Bike Patrol during community events in parks and other crowded areas. The bike officers can negotiate

crowded areas easily and quickly. They also allow for better interaction with the community members due to being more accessible for conversations.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Increased police services to the community and better interaction during community events. Bike Patrol are used during parades, State Fair, special events in the parks, downtown events, and normal police patrols when possible.

C. Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of this project with the bikes and needed police equipment is \$12,200. We are requesting the funding of two (2) bikes at \$5,500 each for a total of \$11,000. If awarded, we will fund the other equipment through our operations budget.

Project Costs

Specialized Turbo Levo E-bikes	\$11,000.00
Police equipment for bikes	\$ 1,200.00

Project Funding

Rural Community Grant Fund	\$11,000.00
Minot Police Department Budget 2021	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

Total \$12,200.00

V. ALTERNATIVES

The City Council could deny the request and the additional bikes would not be purchased.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Grant application was due (submitted) May 31, 2021.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Rural Community Grant Fund Application
- B. Information and specifications for Specialized Turbo Levo Bikes