

RESOLUTION 25-288

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill operates a career fire department that responds to all hazards within the city; and

WHEREAS, the department regularly provides fire prevention and education to the public as part of our Community Risk Reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, the department currently does not have a fire extinguisher training platform that is available for use; and

WHEREAS, the department has researched and specified a training platform that would benefit the department and citizens; and

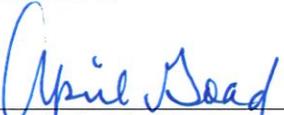
WHEREAS, budget money is not available in the current fiscal year; however, a grant opportunity through the Gary Sinise First Responder Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee that the Fire Chief be authorized to:

1. Allow staff to collect information, research, and make application to the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program for the purchase of fire prevention equipment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, this 15th Day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder



Matt Fitterer, Mayor

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Patrick Carter, City Attorney

STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
FROM: Graig Temple, Fire Chief
DATE: 12/15/2025
SUBJECT: Resolution 25-288, Permission to apply for a grant through the Gary Sinise First Responder Grant Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to allow Fire Department Administration to begin the process of collecting data, researching, and drafting an application for a grant opportunity with the Gary Sinise First Responder Grant Program to purchase a fire extinguisher training device.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department currently does not have a fire extinguisher training device for demonstrations or for public education. The previous device was outdated and did not function correctly, requiring extensive updating and repairs, which was not fiscally responsible on such a dated unit. That unit was disposed of on GovDeals in 2024. Since then, the department has researched and identified a modern system using up to date Artificial Intelligence and Audio-Visual enhancements to provide a realistic training platform that is compact and would be a great enhancement to the Community Risk Reduction efforts of the department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No matching funds are required as part of the grant application or award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-288 to:

1. Make application to the Gary Sinise First Responder Grant Program.
2. If awarded, provide additional Resolution for grant acceptance by BOMA at a future date TBD.





First Responder Grant Guidelines:

- Grants are reserved for Law Enforcement Departments, Fire Departments, and Paramedic or EMS departments.
- Grant request are limited to Equipment and Training only
 - Building costs, or operating costs are not covered under this grant.
- Departments that receive grants are barred from re-applying for another grant for a period of 1 year.
 - Departments that received grants for COVID PPE in 2020 may reapply at their earliest convenience. These grants are exempt from the 1 year waiting period.
- All First Responder Departments mentioned above are eligible to submit grant applications. However, the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Outreach Department prioritizes volunteer, low, and underfunded departments.
- Fire departments awarded grants for turnout gear will be sent Gary Sinise Foundation “Donated By” patches to be added to the coats, at no cost to the department.
- NOTE for Law Enforcement Departments: The Gary Sinise Foundation does NOT provide funding for weapons of any type.