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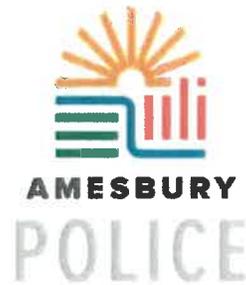
SPONSORED BY: *Kassandra Gove* **BILL No. 2023-062**
Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$62,769 from the Josetta Fund for the purpose of procuring a new K-9 cruiser.

Summary: The Josetta Fund has generously gifted this grant to the City for the purchase of a new K-9 cruiser. The IRS recognizes The Josetta Fund as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$62,769 from the Josetta Fund for the purpose of procuring a new K-9 cruiser.



TO: Mayor Kassandra Gove
FROM: Craig Bailey, Chief of Police 
THRU: Ann Marie Casey, Chief of Staff
Amanda Haggstrom, City Clerk
DATE: May 15th, 2023
SUBJ: **REQUEST CITY COUNCIL APPROVE \$62,769 DONATION FOR NEW K9 CRUISER**

Mayor Gove,

In 2014 the Josetta Fund donated \$6500.00 to the Police Departments K9 program which allowed us to purchase K9 Achilles. The IRS recognizes the Josetta Fund as a tax-exempt non-profit organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Josetta Fund supports a wide range of general charitable activities to include social, educational, medical, religious, veterans, and humanitarian concerns. Most notably they are supporters of animal welfare, including occasional aid for active and retired working dogs (Military and otherwise), therapy animals, animal rescue and animal medical assistance.

In 2016, the Josetta Fund donated \$37,711 to the Police Departments K9 program to secure the purchase of a new K9 vehicle. That same vehicle has been used solely by the Patrol K9 and his handler for the past 7 years. This vehicle has 90,000 miles on the chassis and 10,000 hours of engine run time. In the last 8 weeks alone, we have spent close to \$3200.00 on repairs and still have not finished with all the repairs needed.

Recently the Josetta Fund agreed to donate \$62,769 to the Police Departments K9 fund to purchase another vehicle for Officer Nichols and K9 Meatball. I respectfully request you endorse this request and file the appropriate council order so that we may get their approval to accept the donation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Craig J. Bailey, Chief of Police
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Craig Bailey

From: Mark A. Nowak <manowak@burnslev.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:06 PM
To: Craig Bailey
Cc: Thomas Nichols
Subject: K-9 Cruiser donation

Dear Chief Bailey: I am writing to confirm to you that the Josetta Fund has awarded Officer Thomas Nichols and the Amesbury Police K9 Fund \$62,769 for the specific purpose of purchasing and equipping a K-9 Cruiser. Please let me know if you need anything further from me on behalf of the Fund. Thank you.

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Craig Bailey

From: Thomas Nichols
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Craig Bailey
Subject: Additional info Cruiser Donation

Chief,

Here's more information.

- The Joetta fund has been an advocate of our K-9 Program for the the last 9 years.
- In 2014 when they donated \$6500.00 for the purchase of K-9 Achilles.
- They again came to our assistance in 2016 donating \$3700.00 for the purchase of a new K-9 cruiser my Crown Vic was totaled during a pursuit.
- Cruiser 403 is a 2016 7/years old and very tired
- 90,000 miles
- 10,000 engine hours (1 engine hour is = to 30 miles of wear/tear)
- In the last 8 weeks 403 has been at City Mechanic 2x and Salem Ford 2x for major mechanical issues
- Total of \$3,200.00 work done last 8 weeks not including diagnostics and labor by City Mechanic
- Based upon cruisers age/milage/engine hours the original water pump WILL fail anytime now. He's actually shocked it hasn't failed yet.
- Cost of replacing water pump for year make and model is \$2000.00
- Currently experiencing shifting issues which City Mechanic and Ford have been unable to diagnose.
- City Mechanic states transmission nearing end of its life.
- Mechanic estimated transmission will cost \$5000 to \$8000 to replace
- Current repairs already exceed vehicles current value
- Between Patrol Functions/NEMLEC and training cruiser is living on borrowed time.

Resseptfully,

Tommy & Meatball

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[MGL: Chpt.66, Sec.10 Public Records Law.](#)



**CITY OF AMESBURY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN**

SPONSORED BY: C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor BILL No. 2016-018

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on March 9, 2016 in the City Hall Auditorium the following action was taken:

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$37,711 from The Josetta Fund for the purpose of procuring a new K-9 cruiser.

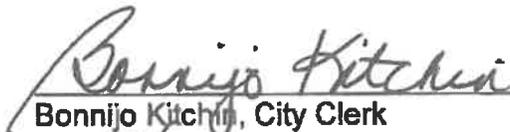
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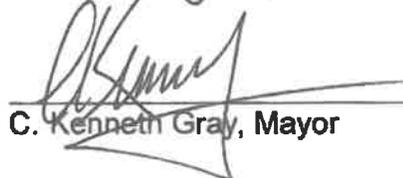
That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$37,711 for the purpose of procuring a new K-9 cruiser.

Councilor McClure moved to approve 2016-018 to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$37,711 from the Josetta Fund as submitted. Councilor Stanganelli seconded. Roll Call Vote - Unanimous (8 members present)

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 9th day of March, 2016



Bonnijo Kitchin, City Clerk



C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

3/14/2016

Date