

DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to establish procedures for the donation of Surplus Equipment by the City to a Nonprofit Organization as required by Minnesota Statue § 471.3459 (2016).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all City departments that generate Surplus Equipment and governs the actions of all City employees and officials.

DEFINITIONS

“City” means the City of Big Lake, Minnesota.

“City Council” means the governing body of the City.

“Donation” means to contribute, donate or give Surplus Equipment at no cost to a Nonprofit Organization that serves a public purpose and benefits its community as a whole.

“Eligible Organization” means a Nonprofit Organization serving one or more of the following functions: cultural, historical, educational, safety, social services, environmental or economic.

“Fair Market Value” means the price at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or to sell and both having reasonable knowledge of all relevant facts.

“Nonprofit Organization” means an organization formed under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“Policy” means this Policy adopted by the City Council.

“Surplus Equipment” means equipment used by the City’s public works department, and cellular phones and emergency medical and firefighting equipment that is no longer needed by the City because it does not meet industry standards for emergency medical services, police, or fire departments or has minimal or no resale value.

“Surplus Equipment Form” means the form attached as Exhibit I to this Policy that must be filled out by a Nonprofit Organization requesting a Donation of Surplus Equipment.

PROCEDURE

The City shall determine all Surplus Equipment and may offer it for Donation in conformance with the following guidelines:

1. Identify Surplus Equipment. Department supervisors are responsible for monitoring their equipment and shall identify and report all Surplus Equipment to the City Finance Director on at least an annual basis.

2. Determine the Fair Market Value of Surplus Equipment. The City Finance Director shall work with City staff to determine the Fair Market Value of the Surplus Equipment.
3. City Council Declaration. The City Finance Director will forward a list of the Surplus Equipment with each item's Fair Market Value to the City Council who shall approve or deny the Surplus Equipment as eligible for Donation. The City has no obligation to make a Donation of Surplus Equipment. Surplus Equipment that is not donated may be sold, recycled or discarded in the discretion of the City Administrator.
4. Donation. After the City Council has determined the Surplus Equipment is eligible for Donation, the City Finance Director is responsible for coordinating the Donation of the Surplus Equipment in accordance with the terms of this Policy.
5. Transfer between Departments. All Surplus Equipment must first be considered for transfer between departments for the benefit of the City.
6. Advertisement. Surplus Equipment shall be posted as eligible for Donation on the City's website. The City may also use other reasonable means to notify Eligible Organizations about the availability of Surplus Equipment. The City shall wait at least 30 days after advertising Surplus Equipment before approving any Donation.
7. Surplus Equipment Form. Eligible Organizations interested in Surplus Equipment shall fill out a Surplus Equipment Form and submit the form to the City Finance Director.
8. Approval of Donation. If the Surplus Equipment has a Fair Market Value less than \$500, the City Department Director shall approve the Donation to an Eligible Organization, subject to review by the City Council. If the Surplus Equipment has a Fair Market Value greater than \$500, the City Council must approve the donation by a majority vote of the City Council.
9. Prioritization of Donations. If more than one Eligible Organizations requests a Donation for the same Surplus Equipment, the City shall consider factors it deems relevant including how the Surplus Equipment will be used, the benefit to the Eligible Organization, the impact on the City, how the Donation will accomplish goals of the City Council, and any previous Donation to the Eligible Organization.
10. Conflict of Interest. All City employees and officials are prohibited from taking possession of any Surplus Equipment on behalf of an Eligible Organization.
11. As Is. A Donation of Surplus Equipment is made "as is" with no warranty, guarantee or representation of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition, utility, or usability of the Surplus Equipment offered. The Surplus Equipment may be defective and cannot be relied up for safety purposes.
12. Title. The City Finance Director or Police Chief, if police department equipment, shall cause any title or other ownership documents to be transferred to the Eligible Organization at the time

of transfer. Any fees required to transfer the Surplus Equipment are the responsibility of the Eligible Organization.

13. Transportation. In the Surplus Equipment Form, the Eligible Organization must provide a detailed plan for transporting the Surplus Equipment from the City to the Eligible Organization. The Eligible Organization must pay all expenses associated with the transportation of the Surplus Equipment.

14. Delegation. The City Administrator may delegate specific responsibilities for implementing this Policy.

15. Documentation. The City Finance Director shall document the Donation of all Surplus Equipment and shall keep such records in accordance with the City's Records Retention Schedule.

16. Review of Policy. The City Finance Director is responsible for maintaining and reviewing this Policy. Any changes to this Policy must be approved by the City Council.