

December 21, 2023 Saint Paul Police Foundation 161 St. Anthony Ave, Suite 927 Saint Paul, MN 55103

On December 21, 2023 the Saint Paul Police Foundation reviewed a request from the SPPD for bike truck supplies and equipment in the amount of \$9,000.00.

In 2020 SPPD's Special Operations Unit acquired a Bike Truck to support its Bike Cops for Kids program. SPPD officers use the truck to engage children and their guardians in various communities throughout the city. The bike truck enables officers to repair flat tires, broken chains or other minor issues ailing kids' bikes. It also comes equipped with a basketball hoop and gaming station for officers to engage with youth through activities they enjoy. In addition, officers pass out ice cream treats and water, and fit and pass out helmets to kids who need them. The bike truck allows officers to come into the community in a non-threatening way to teach youth about bike safety and have fun together on summer evenings. These small acts help community members and youth feel comfortable around officers and spend time with them in a positive atmosphere. The funds are needed to cover materials such as helmets and bike parts, snacks and promotional items.

The donation request was approved by the foundation in the amount of \$9,000

Sincerely,

**Kristen Sheehan** Kristen Sheehan Executive Director Saint Paul Police Foundation