



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Dave Brannigan, Fire Chief
Subject: Donation of Fire Apparatus and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution donating surplus fire apparatus and equipment, including one surplus fire engine and one surplus ambulance, to the McCloud Fire Department.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Donation of fire apparatus will result in loss of funds from auctioning of the equipment. Estimated maximum value of auctioned equipment is \$5,000 or less for each vehicle for a maximum of \$10,000 and the surplus fire equipment has little or no value.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The McCloud Fire Department in Northern California, has contacted the Berkeley Fire Department about the possibility of a donation of surplus apparatus and equipment.

The McCloud Fire Department provides fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services for the town of McCloud and its surrounding area. The intent is to use the donated equipment to provide much needed fire/rescue services to the region.

The donation of these apparatus will assist the McCloud Fire Department in serving the citizens of McCloud and the surrounding area. The department is currently facing increasing financial deficits that are beyond the control of the small-town volunteer staffed ambulance company and fire department.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Fire Department has made donations of fire apparatus and equipment in the past. Usable equipment has been either maintained for use during major emergencies or disasters, when apparatus or equipment are no longer needed or too expensive to maintain, they are sent off to auction. The specialized nature of fire equipment means the demand for such equipment at auctions is usually minimal. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and actual help to people in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

The City has made donations of fire and police equipment in the past, including:

Date	Beneficiary	Type of Surplus Equipment
September, 2020	Bomberos Nayarit, Mexico	Two Fire Engines
September 20, 2015	Berkeley School District	Ambulance
March 9, 2010	El Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Fire Engine
March 9, 2010	The Cities of: Izalco and Delgado, El Salvador	Two Fire Engines
March 9, 2010	Jocotenango Sacatepequez Fire Department, Guatemala	Ambulance
July 14, 2009	Berkeley Boosters Association	Passenger Vans and Trailers
September 23, 2008	El Bolson Fire Department, Argentina	Ambulance
September 23, 2008	East Cape Community/Social Service Foundation	Two Ambulances

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the action requested in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The apparatus and equipment can be sent to auction, however due to the specialized nature of the equipment and its current condition would result in little interest except for parts. Donation of equipment has provided more benefit in good will and actual help to people in need than the small amount of revenue that may be achieved through auction.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The equipment can be sent to auction. However, the high-mileage, current condition, and specialized nature of the apparatus has typically resulted in little interest and low revenue.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

DONATION OF FIRE APPARATUS

WHEREAS, City regulations requires that surplus equipment and vehicles be disposed of through an auction procedure; and

WHEREAS, from time to time groups and organizations request donations of surplus equipment and/or vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the McCloud Fire Department has requested donation of one surplus fire engine and one surplus ambulance to assist them in delivery of emergency services in the town of McCloud and surrounding rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the surplus vehicle will result in little value at auction; and

WHEREAS, donation of the equipment and vehicles will generate good will and no additional costs to the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the surplus fire engine and surplus ambulance as deemed appropriate by the fire department be donated to the McCloud Fire Department.