



AGENDA NO: 7.f

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Ted Schiafone, Harbor Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to accept \$35,888.50 in Grant Funds from the Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department for the purchase of a Polaris Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for the Harbor Department

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement accepting grant funding from the Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department to purchase a Polaris UTV for beach rescue operations.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Harbor Department will receive \$35,888.50 to purchase a Polaris UTV. The associated sales tax and fees will be paid from the Harbor Fund.

### **BACKGROUND**

The 2003 F250 Ford pickup truck used for Beach Lifeguard response has reached its useful life. The Harbor Department has not had sufficient funds to purchase a replacement vehicle. Large pickup trucks are not the best vehicles for beach use, they are difficult to navigate traffic backups on the Embarcadero during emergency response and have blind spots for driving around crowded beach activities.

### **DISCUSSION**

UTV's are more agile on the sand, more cost effective in operations and maintenance, and much safer to operate on crowded beaches. The Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department have raised over \$250,000 for Harbor improvements. When they learned we were looking into options to replace a vehicle, they jumped into action and began a fund-raising campaign for a new UTV.

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Dept Review: \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager Review: DS

City Attorney Review: CFN

**CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends the City Manager execute an agreement accepting the grant funds from the Friends of Morro Bay Harbor Department so that the Harbor Department can order the Polaris UTV and have it available in time for summer.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department Donation Acceptance Agreement
2. Quote Polaris UTV