

## Information Item

**Date:** December 12, 2022

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Patrice Y. Toney, Assistant City Manager  
August Vernon, Director, Office of Emergency Management

**Subject:**

Duke Power Foundation Grant Award to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** N/A

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** N/A

**Key Work Item:** N/A



**Summary of Information:**

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management was the recipient of a 2022 quick turnaround grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant is for \$25,000 and does not require matching funds.

The grant is to help purchase and equip a small, mobile command post (CP) trailer that can be rapidly deployed and pulled by the existing emergency management vehicles and other city and county public safety agencies. This trailer would respond to major incidents, emergencies, and large-scale planned events.

This project was selected by the Duke Energy Foundation as a priority for public safety. This trailer will increase the response capabilities of OEM and partnering city-county public safety agencies and create a safer working environment for the team's personnel, first responders and the public. The tentative timeline for the project would allow the buildout and purchase of the equipment starting in January 2023.

A budget amendment will be added to the January agenda to appropriate these grant funds.