

1 **337-022024**

2
3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified**
4 **Community Projects Category to Build an Emergency Service Training Facility for**
5 **the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department**

6
7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue consists of committed professionals whose mission is to provide
9 the highest standard of service through prevention, education, fire suppression, emergency medical response,
10 technical rescue and community interaction to preserve the quality of life and property for all of those within the Cities
11 of Neenah and Menasha; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Live Fire Training is essential to the health and safety of firefighters and communities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, firefighters must complete eighteen (18) hours at a training facility annually, out of 192 total
14 training hours, to meet Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the current training facility is approaching 25 years of age and has served many roles:

- 16 1. FVTC's main training facility from 1996-2015,
17 2. Joint Firefighter Recruit Academy (on-boarding all Neenah Menasha Fire/Rescue and City of Oshkosh
18 firefighters) since 2019,
19 3. Routinely used by Town of Neenah Fire Department, City of Neenah Police Department, City of
20 Menasha Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in addition to Live Fire Training, this facility can simulate single or multi-family residences, high-
22 rise structures, and commercial buildings for tactical (LE) situations along with laddering and rescue work; and

23 **WHEREAS**, providing a training facility to challenge firefighters' knowledge and skills will reduce the risk in
24 the field, and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department completed a Spirit Fund application on-time, requesting
26 \$500,000, and

27 **WHEREAS**, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$500,000 from the
28 Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000 from
30 the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to build an emergency services training
31 facility for the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the
33 project, the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County
34 Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion
35 of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Neenah/Menasha
37 Fire Department shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are
38 determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is
39 required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or
40 misappropriation.

41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56

Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$500,000 will be authorized for use from the Spirit Fund.

Respectfully submitted by:
ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION

Commission Vote: **7-1, 1 absent**

Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive