



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2026-025, authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of funds, if awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 through the 2026 Walmart Spark Good Local Grant Program.

PRESENTER: Jeff Garner, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Walmart Spark Good Local Grant Program provides local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 to support organizations that serve their communities. This initiative reflects Walmart's commitment to strengthening both its business and the communities in which it operates through local investment. The program is intended to support organizations that address unique community needs, foster pride among associates, and build stronger relationships with customers. The Police Department is requesting authorization to apply for grant funding in an amount up to \$5,000 to help offset costs associated with the annual Hanging with the Heat Police and Fire Summer Camp.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Walmart Spark Good Local Grant Program is awarded through an open application process and provides funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S. A recognized government entity that has been verified by Deed, Walmart's third-party verification service provider, such as a state, county or city agency, including law enforcement, may request funds exclusively for public purposes. Applications for 2026 are accepted from February 1 – November 30.

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding up to \$5,000 within the Youth Services category. Each year the North Richland Hills Police and Fire Departments host the Hanging with the Heat Police and Fire Summer Camp. The camp provides a free, weeklong experience for up to thirty-five incoming 6th, 7th & 8th graders within our community. Participants engage in a fun and enriching environment focusing on developing leadership, teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills. Throughout the week, campers gain insight into the duties and responsibilities of police officers and firefighters, including day-to-day operations, through live demonstrations and hands-on activities. This program also serves as an important opportunity to build



positive, lasting relationships between youth and first responders. If awarded, grant funds will be used to support camp operations, including the purchase of food and essential supplies.

There is no cash match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-025.