

ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-46

FIRST READING AUGUST 18, 2023

INTRODUCED BY: MARK PORTER

SECOND READING WAIVED

THIRD READING WAIVED

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL FOR THE TORO TRACKED MUD BUGGY AND MUD MIXER, AUTHORIZING THE STREET COMMISSIONER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT, RATIFYING THE STREET COMMISSIONER'S EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON JULY 13, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Street Commissioner for the Village of South Russell submitted a grant application to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("BWC") for available grant funds through BWC's Safety Intervention Grant for a Toro Tracked Mud Buggy and Mud Mixer ("Equipment"), which Equipment will likely enhance the safety of Village employees in their various duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant application included a grant agreement from BWC with the terms of the grant should it be awarded ("Grant Agreement"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Attachment 1** which was executed by the Street Commissioner on July 13, 2023 and submitted to BWC;

WHEREAS, the BWC awarded the Village of South Russell a grant for such Equipment (the "Grant"), whereby BWC agrees to provide funds in the amount of \$22,435.34 toward the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of South Russell desires to approve entering into Grant Agreement with BWC and approve and ratify the execution of the Grant Agreement by the Street Commissioner on behalf of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Grant Agreement between the BWC and the Village of South Russell for the Equipment is hereby approved pursuant to the terms and conditions in the Grant Agreement attached hereto as. **Attachment 1**.

SECTION 2. The Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Village.

SECTION 3. The Street Commissioner's execution of the Grant Agreement on July 13, 2023 is hereby ratified.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees on or after December 2, 1975, that resulted in formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason to enable the Village to use the Grant to purchase the Equipment; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage by this Council and approval by the Mayor.



Mayor - President of Council

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2023-46 was duly enacted on the 18TH day of AUGUST, 2023, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and published in accordance with the Codified Ordinances of the Village.



Fiscal Officer



Section VI. AGREEMENT between OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION and SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE

Employer's Full Legal Name

Agreement between the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Employer

This is an agreement by and between SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE (hereinafter, "Employer"), with its principal place of business located at 5205 CHILLICOTHE RD CHAGRIN FA, Ohio 44022, and the State of Ohio, Bureau of Workers' Compensation (hereinafter, "BWC"), having offices at 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, OH 43215-2256, entered into the day, month and year set out below.

Whereas, the administrator of workers' compensation may issue a grant to defray the costs incurred by an employer who elects to participate in the safety intervention grant program, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule (OAC) 4123-17-56, wherein an employer may receive grant funds for projects which substantially reduce or eliminate the risk of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties mutually agree to the following conditions.

Eligibility — Acceptance of Employer into the safety intervention grant program is contingent upon Employer's: (a) submission and approval of an application, (b) demonstrated need for intervention, (c) having active Ohio workers' compensation coverage, and (d) being current with respect to payroll reporting and payments due to any fund administered by BWC as of the date of execution of this agreement and for its duration.

Distribution of Grant Funds — Subject to the conditions precedent in this agreement and subject to available BWC resources, Employer and BWC mutually understand and agree that the total sum of the grant to be issued by BWC shall not exceed a 3-to-1 ratio of the funds contributed by Employer, whether a public or private employer, and that the maximum grant amount shall not exceed \$40,000. Employer must contribute \$13,333.33 in order to receive the maximum grant amount of \$40,000. Employer understands and acknowledges that BWC will not issue a grant matching any expenditures that exceed \$13,333.33. The \$40,000 safety grant is the maximum per eligibility cycle. If Employer has not received the maximum amount of money available through the safety grant program during their eligibility cycle, Employer may reapply and have its application approved to enter into another agreement until Employer has received a total of \$40,000 for that cycle.

Employer Responsibilities — Employer, in consideration of a grant given to it, promises to fully comply with the program requirements as outlined in the Application and Instructions and OAC 4123-17-56, all of which are fully incorporated herein by reference. Employer will be responsible for using the awarded grant in the manner for which it is intended and will be required to provide BWC with documentation. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, original invoices, canceled checks, and periodic reports to confirm that all funds were spent and applied toward the approved intervention. Employer understands that approved safety intervention equipment may not be rented or leased. Employer agrees to allow a BWC representative to conduct risk factor assessments. Further, Employer agrees not to eliminate jobs due to participation in the safety intervention grant program.

All interventions must receive approval prior to purchase to qualify for the grant, and any proposed changes must be agreed to by BWC prior to making the change. Employer agrees to allow BWC to publish safety intervention grant results including, but not limited to, data, videos, specifications, or photos for the purposes of illustrating, educating, and training employers and employees.

Time of Performance — Employer must make all equipment purchases and implement the approved intervention equipment within ninety (90) days of BWC issuing the grant check or electronic fund transfer. BWC will consider allowing additional time, up to a maximum of 90 days, upon the request of Employer. However, the extension must be made within the initial 90 day period. No later than thirty (30) days following the 90 day purchase period, Employer must provide BWC the following information: (a) itemized expense report, (b) original paid invoices pertaining to all intervention purposes, and (c) copies of all cancelled checks or other documentation to support that all invoices associated with the interventions were paid in full.

Employer shall provide BWC a one-year case study report which detail the number of affected population and list claim numbers affected by the intervention, if any. The one-year case study is due within 30 days of the reporting period. The one-year case study report is to be completed electronically by Employer. If the one-year case study report is not filed, or if the report is not written as described in the application, Employer shall be liable to repay the full amount of the grant.

Disqualification — If for any reason Employer fails to satisfy one or more of the criteria established in the Application and Instructions, OAC 4123-17-56, and this agreement, including, but not limited to, the requirement of maintaining active coverage, timely payments thereof, and the obligations described in Employer Responsibilities and Time of Performance sections, Employer may be disqualified from the program. Disqualification will result in the termination of BWC's obligations under this agreement. BWC reserves the right to recover grant funds by one or more of the following methods: billing Employer for the grant funds received, forwarding Employer's information to the Office of the Attorney General of Ohio for collection, set-off, recoupment, or other administrative, civil, or legal remedy.

If Employer merges or combines its business after receiving a grant, but before completing the one year of measurement reporting, the BWC Successorship Liability Policy will go into effect. Employer is responsible for notifying the successor employer of the obligations under the safety intervention grant program. The successor employer may be liable to repay any and all previously paid grant funds if these obligations are not met.



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Ohio elections law — Employer hereby certifies that no applicable party listed in Divisions (I), (J), (Y) and (Z) of O.R.C. Section 3517.13 has made contributions in excess of the limitations specified under Divisions (I), (J), (Y) and (Z) of O.R.C. Section 3517.13.

Conflicts of interest and ethics compliance certification — Employer affirms that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict, in any manner or degree, with the performance of services which are required to be performed under any resulting Contract. In addition, Employer affirms that a person who is or may become an agent of Employer, not having such interest upon execution of this Contract shall likewise advise the BWC in the event it acquires such interest during the course of this Contract.

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By my signature, I agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement and the program and to use all funds solely for the purposes intended. I further understand I may be subject to civil, criminal and/or administrative penalties as the result of any false, fictitious, misleading, or fraudulent statements. I understand if funds are not used, misused, misapplied, misappropriated, or are used for purchases or services not associated with the approved budget and itemized proposal submitted, that I may be subject to civil, criminal, and administrative penalties.

Modifications: The parties may, in writing and by mutual agreement, amend, modify, supplement or rescind the terms of this agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties hereunto affix their signatures this day of 7 Month 13 Day, 2023.

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Federal tax I.D. 340907179

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Name (please print) Timothy Alder

State of Ohio, Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant Program

Signature I, Timothy Alder have signed this agreement on Date: 07/13/2023



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Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity: Employer will comply with all state and federal laws regarding equal employment opportunity and fair labor and employment practices, including Ohio Revised Code Section 125.111 and all related Executive Orders. The State encourages Employer to purchase goods and services from Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) vendors.

Authority — The person signing below for Employer states that he or she is either the owner, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, plant manager or other person having fiduciary responsibilities with Employer; and Employer agrees that the signer or his, or her successor, will have the authority to oversee carrying out Employer's responsibilities for one year after BWC issues the funds. The signer's authority shall continue until Employer notifies BWC of the name of the successor.

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