



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members

From: John Townsend, Fire Chief

Date: August 5, 2024

Item: Accept Community Safety Grant from CenterPoint Energy

Council Action Requested:

Accept Community Safety Grant of \$2,500.00 from CenterPoint Energy.

Background Information:

CenterPoint Energy has awarded the Hastings Fire Department a community Safety Grant to purchase Carbon monoxide detectors for each of our ambulances, along with a combustible gas leak detector. These devices will be utilized to protect our staff and the community while responding on incidents.

Financial Impact: None

Advisory Commission Discussion: N/A

Council Committee Discussion: N/A

Attachments:

- Award Letter from CenterPoint Energy



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P.O. Box 59038
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0038

June 11, 2024

Fire Chief John Townsend
Hastings Fire Department
115 West 5th Street
Hastings, MN 55033

Dear John,

We are pleased to present the Hastings Fire Department with a Community Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for carbon monoxide detectors in ambulances and two Carbon Monoxide detectors for inspections staff, along with a combustible leak detector.

The Community Safety Grant program offers an opportunity for CenterPoint Energy to invest in the cities we serve. For over 150 years we have partnered with communities supporting our shared commitment to safety while delivering safe, reliable natural gas.

Since 2003, the Community Safety Grant program has awarded more than \$3 million to support more than 1,500 safety-related projects in communities throughout CenterPoint Energy's service area.

Through this grant program, we help cities leverage local funds to purchase necessary safety equipment and support safety projects that are important to your community.

IMPORTANT! Your check is enclosed and is valid for 90 days from the check date.

Please confirm receipt of the check as soon as possible by emailing me at whitneyjo.peterson@centerpointenergy.com.

Thank you for your efforts to make our communities safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Whitney Jo Peterson".

Whitney Jo Peterson
Executive Assistant, MN Gas Operations
612-321-5002



2024 CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grants

CenterPoint Energy is pleased to present the Hastings Fire Department with a Community Safety Grant for \$2,500 that will be used for single gas carbon monoxide detectors in ambulances and two Carbon Monoxide detectors for inspections staff, along with a combustible leak detector.

Across our Minnesota service area, CenterPoint Energy awarded more than \$123,000 to 51 communities to support safety projects in 2024. The Community Safety Grant program helps communities leverage local funds to purchase critical safety equipment or support safety projects that are important to your community.

“At CenterPoint Energy, safety is our top priority as we provide safe and reliable natural gas service for the customers and communities we’re honored to serve throughout Minnesota,” said Brad Steber, Vice President, Minnesota Gas at CenterPoint Energy. “Through our Community Safety Grant Program, we support the work our emergency responders, local officials and many others do to help support the health and safety of our customers across our local Minnesota communities.”

CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grants have enabled communities to install public AEDs (automated external defibrillators), update emergency communication equipment, purchase protective gear for first responders, install traffic control signs, purchase gas monitoring devices and more.

The Community Safety Grant program offers an additional opportunity for CenterPoint Energy to invest in the communities we serve.


Since 2003, the Community Safety Grant program has awarded more than \$3.25 million to fund more than 1,600 projects in communities throughout CenterPoint Energy’s service area in Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and Texas.

CenterPoint Energy is Minnesota’s largest natural gas utility, serving more than 920,000 customers in over 260 communities.

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