

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-38

For the September 16, 2026
Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE
GARY SINISE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,919.60 TO FUND THE
PURCHASE OF VARIOUS NEEDED FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Village Council previously authorized the Fire Chief to apply for a grant from the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Program for various firefighting equipment such as hoses, tips and shut offs; and

WHEREAS, the application was timely submitted was awarded by the Gary Sinise Foundation in the amount of \$22,919.60; and

WHEREAS, Council authorizes the Mayor to accept these grant funds to be placed in the appropriate account for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is necessary to approve this legislation to accept this important grant for the operation of the Fire Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:**

Section 1: Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept a grant from the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Program in the amount of \$22,919.60 to fund the purchase of hoses, tips and shut offs for use by the Village Fire Department. The funds shall be deposited to appropriate accounts for the benefit of the Fire Department. Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and President of Council to execute any related agreements or documents necessary to complete this needed project.

Section 2: The Law Director shall review and approve any and all such agreements.

Section 3: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills, and for the reason it is necessary to immediately move forward with this project without delay due to the time constraints for spending of said funds, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-third (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 16th day of September, 2026.

First Reading ✓ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____
Vote: Pride ✓ yea ___ nay Greene ✓ yea ___ nay Mills ✓ yea ___ nay
McManus ✓ yea ___ nay Wright ✓ yea ___ nay

Cassandra Pride 9/16/26
Cassandra Pride Date
President of Council

Attest: Margaret Sikon 9/16/26
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council Date

Filed with the Mayor: _____ ✓ 9/22/26
Date

Approved By: M-L Booker 9/22/26
Michael L. Booker, Mayor Date



August 18th, 2026

Fire Chief Jestin Grossenbaugh
Village of Highland Hills Fire Department
3700 Northfield Rd.
Highland Hills, Ohio 44122

RE: Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Outreach Grant Award

Village of Highland Hills Fire Department,

It is our great pleasure to notify you that The Gary Sinise Foundation (Tax ID: 80-0587086) First Responder Outreach (F.R.O.) program has approved your grant application for 800' of 4" fire hose, 1500' of 1.75" fire hose, 1000' of 2.5" hose, 2-1.75" shutoffs, 1-2.5" shut offs, 3-tips. The grant, totaling \$22,919.60, serves as a 'Thank You' from Gary and our thousands of American donors to you and your department.

We understand the work your department performs daily is imperative to the safety and security of the citizens of Cuyahoga County and surrounding areas. Gary, the Gary Sinise Foundation, and our thousands of American donors from across the country are honored to be able to assist you. We hope this equipment helps keep your first responders safe and assists them in their life-saving day-to-day work.

Funds for this grant will be paid out in accordance with the F.R.O. initiative's policies and procedures.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please contact Rikki Bowen, FRO Manager, at (615) 575-3528 or rbowen@garysinisefoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Madisen Moore
Director of Community Outreach
Gary Sinise Foundation

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