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Memorandum:

TO: Mayor Krachmer and City Council Members
FROM: Chris Hearden, Fire Chief
DATE: August 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Fire Station Facility Needs Study

Requested Council Action

Consider authorizing staff to sign an agreement with the architectural firm with the chosen proposal for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Background

As discussed in the August 2, 2023 Council Workshop, a facility needs study will provide a concept master plan to guide staff for future facility improvement decisions.

The Vadnais Heights Fire Station located at 3595 Arcade Street was constructed in 1994 and was designed and built to meet the needs of the fire department at that time. The fire station's facilities and amenities have become worn, outdated and is less effective in serving the needs of the fire department or residents of Vadnais Heights.

A facility needs study of the existing fire station is designed to identify the current facility needs as well as future goals to meet the needs of the fire department going forward. Staff is looking for approval to sign an agreement with the architectural firm with the chosen proposal, prior to the next Council meeting due to a goal of meeting a deadline for potential bonding options this October.