



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: September 23, 2014

To: Blong Yang – Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management

Referral to: Ways and Means, Full Council

Subject: Request to Accept Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant Award

Recommendation: That the proper officials be authorized to accept a grant award of \$372,388 and execute the 2015 Toward Zero Deaths grant agreement from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for traffic safety enforcement. The grant award will operate through the grants - federal and the award was anticipated in the 2014 Police Department annual budget. The Police Department requests permission to enter into agreements with the Police Departments of the University of Minnesota, Golden Valley, Crystal, Hopkins, Robbinsdale and New Hope to share the grant funds in amounts to be determined.

Previous Directives: This is an annual program that the Police Department participates in with positive results. This Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Grant combines the previously separate *Safe & Sober*, Nightcap Impaired Driving and seat belt enforcement programs.

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Robin McPherson

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- No financial Impact
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals

- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

The Police Department requests permission to accept \$372,388 under the State's Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety Toward Zero Deaths Grant to increase enforcement to reduce accidents and increase driver safety. This grant is a merger of the previous Safe and Sober, Seat Belt and Nightcap grant programs. The grant will be used to pay overtime to Traffic Unit officers for enforcement of:

- Speed Violations
- Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Seat Belt Violations
- Move Over Law
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Violations

There are also funds for administration (scheduling, reporting, and accounting) and Dispatch. The funds can only be spent on those activities and each specific activity has specific hours and maximum number of shifts and personnel per shift.

The Police Department is required by the State to partner with other metro agencies for this grant award and acts as the fiscal agent for the other cities, facilitating the reporting and accounting of their portion of grant funds (40% for Mpls, 15% Mpls Park PD and 9% per each other agency). All scheduling, accounting and reporting is done by the Department. Formal agreements between Minneapolis as the lead agency and each sub-grantee agency are required in order to share these funds.

No local grant match is required.