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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <u>25</u> <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>15-0211</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>15-056</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Douglas M. Harvey, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval requested to submit a grant application to the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) for funding of overtime, equipment, officer training, and educational materials related to various aspects of traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Des Moines Police Department would like to submit an application to GTSB for funding to be utilized for enforcement and awareness of traffic safety regulations. The officers will focus on impaired driving, seatbelt violations, school zones safety, and speed related issues. The officers work overtime to increase police presence during the hours of the day that have historically been proven to have the greatest number of issues. The application includes a request for equipment needed to enable officers to efficiently and effectively enforce traffic safety laws. The equipment requested follows grant requirements and will replace current equipment that is worn or outdated. Officers will receive enhanced training related to enforcement tactics and lifesaving procedures.

The GTSB grant includes funding for increasing public awareness of pedestrians, bicyclists, and driver safety. Police officers regularly provide educational presentations and materials to various audiences throughout the City. The grant application includes a request for funding to purchase materials and supplies needed for these presentations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$213,509.17

Funding Source: GTS00016 – Recommended Budget, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, page 225; Police Special Revenues

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Police Department has received previous GTSB grant awards which were used for the purchase of equipment, reimbursement of overtime expenses related to selective enforcement, specified training, and funding of public awareness presentations. The funding has enabled the Police Department to facilitate voluntary compliance with traffic regulations and heighten safety awareness for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Through this application, the Police Department intends to continue the use of GTSB grant funds to focus enforcement on impaired drivers, seatbelt violations, school zones safety, and speed related

issues. Overtime for officers will increase police presence during historically proven hours of the day that have demonstrated peak times of activity for impaired driving. Officers will also participate and work collaboratively with neighboring communities for enforcement events on I-235. Funding for equipment replacement is included in the grant funding request. The equipment is instrumental in law enforcement and officer safety. The increased enforcement and equipment will encourage voluntary compliance with traffic safety throughout the City.

The grant will also provide officers the opportunity to receive training in lifesaving protocols and traffic related techniques. If approved, this funding will allow officers to continue giving educational presentations throughout the City that are designed to heighten public awareness about traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 22, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1482](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of 2015 GTSB grant, \$173,500. ([Council Communication No. 14-455](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: February 24, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0308](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application for the 2015 GTSB, \$205,357. ([Council Communication No. 14-083](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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