


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-353	Meeting:	September 16, 2024
	Agenda Item:	57	Roll Call:	24-1264
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to accept the 2025 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant award in the amount of \$246,600.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to accept the grant funding from the GTSB Grant. The funds will be dedicated to officer overtime, training, and equipment related to traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. The primary focus of the grant award is to heighten public awareness of impaired/distracted driving, seatbelt usage, school zone safety, and dangers to children in/around motor vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$246,600:

- Overtime for Special Enforcement \$209,000
- Equipment related to special enforcement \$ 29,600
- Public educational programs \$ 3,000
- Training for Officers \$ 5,000

Funding Source: Recommended Operating Budget Department Detail Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, Special Revenues and Other Funds, Page 190

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The overtime and special enforcement request will allow for an increased police presence during high traffic hours, which is critical to public safety. Data from vehicle related incidences is collected and reviewed to identify key hours and locations for the increased presence funded by the grant.
- Equipment requested will promote public safety through radar recorded speed enforcement.
- Educational presentation to assist with the public's understanding of traffic laws, seat belt use, and child safety.

- The training includes updates on focused enforcement in impaired and distracted driving as well as promotional ideas to encourage voluntary compliance with public safety laws.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 18, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0424](#)

Action: [Application](#) for the 2025 GTSB Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant, \$246,333. ([Council Communication No. 24-103](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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