

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-063	Meeting:	February 24, 2025
	Agenda Item:	37	Roll Call:	25-0277
	Submitted by:	Michael McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the 2026 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$251,000.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for the annual GTSB Grant. The funds will be dedicated to police officer overtime, training, and equipment related to traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. The primary focus of the application 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: \$251,000:

- Overtime for special enforcement \$218,000
- Equipment related to special enforcement \$25,000
- Public educational programs \$3,000
- Training for Officers \$5,000

Funding Source: Recommended Operating Budget Department Detail Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, 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 incidents is collected and reviewed to identify key hours and locations for the increased presence funded by the grant.
- The equipment requested will promote public safety through radar recorded speed enforcement.
- An educational presentation to assist with the public's understanding of traffic laws, seatbelt 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: September 16, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1264](#)

Action: [Fiscal](#) Year 2025 GTSB Grant award, \$246,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-353](#))
Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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