

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	26-068	Meeting:	February 23, 2026
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	26-0250
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the 2027 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety grant in the amount of \$261,000.00.

## SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for the annual Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant (GTSB). 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 \$230,000
- Equipment related to special enforcement \$ 23,000
- Public educational programs \$ 3,000
- Training for Officers \$ 5,000

Funding Source: Recommended Operating Budget Department Detail FY26, Special Revenues and Other Funds printed 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, 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): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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