



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Chief Gregory Taylor, Police Department

DATE: June 13, 2017

SUBJECT: NH Highway Safety Grant – Mobile Data Terminals

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$32,000 in grant funding from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency designated for the purchase of mobile data terminals (MDT's) and related equipment to be utilized by the Police Department in its marked cruisers.

Background – The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency has provided grant funding to the Police Department for many years in order for the Department to conduct varied enforcement initiatives designed to improve the safety of the City's roadways. The Department has also received funding for equipment to be used in the field for traffic enforcement. The funding provided by this grant will allow for the purchase of MDT's and related equipment which will be installed in all of the Department's marked cruisers. This equipment is necessary as the Department is in need of updating its current equipment which is becoming obsolete and more difficult to maintain. Officers utilize MDT's on a daily basis while in the field to write reports, conduct research, and utilize other computer and online functions.

Discussion – Funding provided by this grant will provide \$32,000 to be utilized to purchase new MDT's for the Department's 16 marked cruisers. This grant program does not require any match by the City. The costs of the MDT's will exceed \$2,000 each, however funding provided through the FY 2018 Information Technology CIP #2 will cover the remaining expenses.

It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate this grant funding provided by the NH Highway Safety Agency.