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Chief of Police

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Deputy Chief Gregory S. Taylor
Re: Authorization to accept a grant from the NH Highway Safety Agency as provided for under the pre-authorization granted by City Council.
Date: March 17, 2015

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council approve the acceptance of the below cited grant provided to the Concord Police Department by the NH Highway Safety Agency.

NH Highway Safety Grant Program	Amount	G/L Account
“Join the NH Clique” Seatbelt Enforcement Patrols	\$2,246.40	Project to be established
TOTAL	\$2,246.40	

Background

1. Funds are requested to be expended under the authority established pursuant to Resolution #8120, adopted December 10, 2007.
2. The grant applications for the purposes specified were approved by City Council per resolution #8802 adopted October 14, 2014.
3. The purpose of this grant as stated above is a condition of the grantor and is consistent with and presents no conflict or obstacle to the accomplishment of City Council goals, the code of ordinances, or the operating functions of the department.
4. No City match is required.
5. The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency has accepted the authority granted by the City Council for the City Manager to enter into a grant or other agreement pursuant to the resolution cited in number one (1) above.
6. The Finance Director has approved the agreement providing for reimbursement of funds extended in advance by the City.

Discussion

“Join the NH Clique” Seatbelt Enforcement Patrols:

The Concord Police Department recognizes that there is a need to increase seat belt usage by all vehicle occupants and in particular child passengers. The State has a primary child passenger safety law that requires all children up to the age of 6 and 55 inches tall to be restrained and properly secured in an approved child passenger safety seat and that everyone up to the age of 18 is required to use a seat belt. The Concord Police Department actively enforces the state’s child passenger safety law. During the period of May 18, 2015 through May 31, 2015 the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency will be promoting the “Join the New Hampshire

“Community Committed”

Clique” seatbelt enforcement campaign. As part of this program “Buckle Up! It’s the Law Up to 18. Click It or Ticket” patrols will be conducted throughout the State. The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency has awarded this grant to the Concord Police Department to compliment the efforts already underway by the Police Department and to allow the Department to participate in actively enforcing seatbelt laws during the time frame noted above. This grant will allow for overtime funding for six (6) extra details of three (3) hours each for two officers to specifically target seatbelt violations. It is anticipated that this increased enforcement of seatbelt laws combined with the media attention brought to proper seatbelt usage during this campaign will help improve the driving habits of the motoring public. There is no City match required for this grant.

Cc: City Manager
Deputy City Manager for Finance
City Clerk