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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John G. Thomas, Lieutenant – Community Services Division

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SUBJECT: 2018 New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant Application

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for funding through the 2018 New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant Program through the United States Department of Justice.

Background - Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federally funded Crime Prevention initiative coordinated through the various U.S. Attorney Offices. This initiative utilizes evidence-based practices to prioritize violent crime reduction activities. These activities include utilizing a greater police presence for targeted enforcement measures coupled with evidence-based prevention strategies. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, in which the Concord Police Department is an active participant, will utilize data to develop density maps of violent crimes within the community. The Concord Police Department will utilize this information to guide officers in conducting grant funded activities. Emphasis will be given to high visibility patrolling and interaction with the community to help address the violent crime issues that are occurring.

Discussion - The Concord Police Department will utilize funding provided by this grant to fund overtime expenses for officers deployed as part of Project Safe Neighborhood initiatives. There is no City match for this grant. All grant related activities will be funded through the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative grant program. The purpose of this grant is to reduce violent crime in the community and work collaboratively with the residents and businesses affected to promote a positive change.

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