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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John G. Thomas – Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: 2022 New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant

Recommendation

Accept and appropriate the amount of fifteen thousand, three hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-two cents (\$15,337.92) in grant funding provided through the New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant Program. Funds from this grant will be used by the Department to pay for overtime expenses incurred by the Department as it implements programs designed to reduce violent crime in the community.

Background

The New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant Program has funding available for initiatives designed to reduce violent crime. The Concord Police Department applied to this grant program and has been awarded \$15,337.92 in unmatched grant funds. This grant provides law enforcement agencies funding for overtime costs associated with implementing initiatives designed to reduce violent crime in the community and to further collaboration between the police department and the residents and businesses affected in order to promote a positive change. The Department intends to utilize data and intelligence provided through the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force to guide officers in conducting grant funded activities. Emphasis will be given to high visibility patrolling and interaction with the community to help address violent crime issues that are occurring.

Discussion

This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to fund overtime costs associated with implementing programs designed to address violent crime within the City. These programs will be data/intelligence driven in order to direct resources most effectively. The Department will also be sharing intelligence and data with the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, of which the Department is a member. There is no requirement for any matching city funds to be obligated for this grant program.

It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate these grant funds from the New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Grant Program.