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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gregory S. Taylor – Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: 2017/2018 OHRV Law Enforcement Grant

Recommendation

Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for grant funding through the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – OHRV Law Enforcement Grant Program. Funds from this grant will be used by the Department to help pay for overtime expenses incurred by the Department in conducting OHRV Patrols in conjunction with Fish and Game.

Background

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers limited funding through its OHRV Law Enforcement Grant Program for police departments to implement OHRV patrols. This grant funding covers overtime expenses associated with conducting these patrols. The City of Concord has a number of areas that are not accessible by police cruiser. The most practical way of patrolling these areas for illegal activity and safety concerns involve the use of an OHRV. The Concord Police Department has entered into a partnership with the Fish and Game Department to train several of our officers on OHRV use, and Fish and Game is also willing to let Department members utilize their OHRV's. The Department seeks to apply for this grant funding in order to help fund these patrols and further our partnership with Fish and Game.

Discussion

This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to help fund overtime costs associated with conducting OHRV Patrols in conjunction with the Fish and Game Department in rural areas of the City not accessible by police cruiser. These patrols will allow for the Department to address safety issues and criminal behavior in these areas which we have not been able to effectively address in the past.