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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Chief Gregory Taylor, Police Department

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SUBJECT: New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force Funding

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate grant funding in the amount of \$60,000 from the State of New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. Said funding to be utilized to assist in off-setting costs associated with the Police Department assigning a sworn officer to the Drug Task Force.

Background – Recently, the Police Department and Command Staff from the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force have engaged in discussions regarding the assignment of Concord Police Department staff to the Drug Task Force. This arrangement has been determined to be in the best interest of both the Police Department and Drug Task Force. This arrangement will serve as a force multiplier for the Department's efforts in combatting illegal drug activity in the community and also provides for the availability of the extensive investigative resources available through the NH Attorney General's Office. The Department is committed to engaging in an aggressive approach in addressing illegal drug activity in the City and working collaboratively with the Drug Task Force will be the one of the most effective means of accomplishing this. Additionally, the Drug Task Force will provide compensation in the amount of \$60,000 to offset personnel costs of the Police Department assigning a member of the Department to the Drug Task Force.

Discussion – The State of New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force has approved the award of \$60,000 to the Concord Police Department designated to offset personnel expenses associated with the Department assigning an Officer to the Drug Task Force. It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate this grant funding as it serves the best interest of both the Concord Police Department and the Drug Task Force in the coordinated effort to combat illegal drug issues in the community.

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