



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Deputy Chief Gregory S. Taylor, Police Department

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

**SUBJECT:** New Hampshire Highway Safety Grant Program

**Recommendation** - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$52,341 in grant funding from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency designated for the police department to conduct roadway safety initiatives.

**Background** – The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency has provided grant funding to the Police Department for many years in order for the Department to conduct varied enforcement initiatives designed to improve the safety of the City’s roadways. This grant includes funding for the following initiatives: STEP Patrols, Operation Safe Commute, Join the NH Clique, Distracted Driving Patrols, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Patrols, and DWI/Impaired Driver Patrols. The funding provided by Highway Safety covers the overtime costs associated with conducting these patrols. Highway Safety also requires an in-kind match be provided by the City as part of this grant award. The total amount of the City match for this grant is \$13,085.25. This in-kind match simply puts a dollar amount on the resources that the City will be providing towards these Patrols throughout the grant period. The City’s match will easily be covered through equipment/vehicle costs and administrative costs in managing the grant. Equipment/vehicle costs as well as administrative costs will be tracked and reported to Highway Safety to document the Department’s in-kind match requirement. It is our intention to continue this valuable relationship with Highway Safety which allows us to place additional police officers and equipment in the field to assist in our continuing effort to address traffic concerns and make our roadways safer.

**Discussion** – The Department desires to continue its efforts in making the City’s roadways as safe as possible. An important aspect of this is to conduct roadway safety and enhanced enforcement initiatives. Funding provided by this grant will significantly augment the Department’s efforts to keep the roadways of the City safe for all those that use them. These grant funded patrols will be conducted throughout the year until the grant period ends on 09/30/20.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$52,341 in grant funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency designated for police department roadway safety initiatives.