



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

**DATE:** March 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** NH Highway Safety Grant – Sustained Traffic Safety Enforcement Patrols

**Recommendation** – Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$19,404 in grant funding from the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency designated for Sustained Traffic Safety Enforcement Patrols (STEP).

**Background** – The NH 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. Included in these initiatives are patrols focused on addressing roadways with high levels of traffic and those with high motor vehicle collision rates. The funding provided by Highway Safety covers the overtime costs associated with conducting these patrols. Beginning this year Highway Safety also now requires an in-kind match be provided by the City. The total amount of this match for this grant is \$4,851. This in-kind match simply puts a dollar amount on the resources that the City will be providing towards these STEP patrols throughout the grant period. The City’s match will easily be covered through equipment/vehicle costs and administrative costs in managing the grant. The grant will be managed in the same manner as previous years however equipment/vehicle costs as well as administrative costs will now be tracked and reported to Highway Safety. 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 patrols as outlined under the STEP program. Funding provided by this grant will significantly augment the Department’s ability to address roadway safety concerns with a goal of reducing motor vehicle collisions and improving roadway safety. These grant funded patrols will be conducted through the year until the grant period ends on 09/30/16. This grant will fund approximately 330 hours of overtime details as well as covering benefit costs associated with these details.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$19,404 in grant funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency designated for Sustained Traffic Safety Enforcement Patrols.