



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 16-140
COUNCIL MTG OF: October 18, 2016
FROM: S. Daly, Acting Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone
PREPARED BY: Captain George R. Feole
SUBJECT: NH Highway Safety Agency E-Crash/E-Ticket equipment grant **UPDATE**

PURPOSE

To accept a grant from the NH Highway Safety Agency for equipment to include; printers, scanners and GPS devices for our marked cruisers used for traffic enforcement.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

I concur with the Police Chief's recommendation.

BACKGROUND

In July, the Police Department presented to the Town Council, a grant application to the NH Highway Safety Agency for equipment needed to utilize two new programs titled E-Crash and E-Ticket. The grant provides printers, scanners and GPS devices for marked cruisers that are used for traffic enforcement and are equipped with mobile data stations.

The grant information indicated that the department could receive up to \$900 per vehicle for the equipment for a maximum of 5 vehicles or \$4,500 in total. An application was prepared accordingly.

After the required public hearing on July 19th, 2016, the Town Council approved the application via resolution number 2016-022 in a 7-0 vote. The grant application was submitted shortly after that date.

On September 14th, 2016 the department was notified by the NH Highway Safety Agency that the grant was approved in the amount of \$9,900 to cover the equipment for all 11 of its vehicles that need the equipment.

A soft match of 25% is required by the state for this grant. We intend to utilize the salary expense associated with our mechanic to install the equipment as matching funds along with training costs for officers to learn how to use the new software and equipment. Those matching funds are already appropriated in our FY 17 operating budget. No further allocations or requests for funds are anticipated.

DISCUSSION

Authorize the Acting Town Administrator to accept the awarded amount of \$9,900 to equip 11 marked vehicles with the equipment needed to facilitate the E/Ticket and E/Crash programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The acceptance of these funds will have minimal impact on the budget since all matching funds are already appropriated in the FY 17 operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

The Town Council move to authorize the Acting Town Administrator to accept the grant funds and execute any associated documents with the NH Highway Safety Agency.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2016-031 as follows: *(Read the Resolution)*

Attachment(s) Grant Award document
Resolution #2016-031

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RESOLUTION

Number 2016-031

To Rescind Resolution #2016-022 and Authorize Application for a NH
Highway Safety Agency E-Crash/E-Ticket Equipment Grant

WHEREAS, Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to apply for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, such funding is available from the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency for the acquisition of certain equipment to improve the efficiency of processing traffic enforcement and motor vehicle accident scenes; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution #2016-022, the Council authorized application for funding of on-half of the number of devices needed to outfit the Police Department's fleet of patrol vehicles through the E-Crash/E-Ticket Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution #2016-022, THE State granting authority has generously increased the amount of the grant funding offered to the Town to \$9,900, which will pay for equipping all eleven of the Town's patrol vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that Resolution #2016-022 is hereby rescinded in its entirety; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend such grant funding.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: October 18, 2016.

Attest:

X _____
Brian Chirichiello, Council Chair

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Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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