

AGENDA ITEM #: 18-126
COUNCIL MTG OF: October 23, 2018
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Chief Edward B. Garone
PREPARED BY: Captain George R. Feole
SUBJECT: Grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency for; STEP Patrols, Operation Safe Commute, Join the NH Clique, Distracted Driving, Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols, DWI Patrols and Speed Enforcement/Data Collection Equipment

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 11/20/18

PURPOSE

To schedule a public hearing and subsequently accept grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency for Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrol (STEP) Patrols, Operation Safe Commute Patrols, Join the NH Clique Patrols, Distracted Driving Patrols, Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols, DWI Patrols, and Speed Collection/Data Collection Equipment.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Council is encouraged to schedule a public hearing for November 20 and thereafter adopt Resolution #2018-066.

BACKGROUND

Periodically, the NH Highway Safety Agency distributes funds to support selective traffic enforcement patrols and or equipment.

The Police Department has received a contract for seven such programs as follows;

- Sustained Traffic Enforcement (STEP) - **\$11,593 = 40 4-hour Patrols**
- Operation Safe Commute - **\$3,161 = 12 4-hour Patrols**
- Join the NH Clique - **\$468 = 2 4-hour Patrols**
- Distracted Driving - **\$5,652 = 20 4-hour Patrols**
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols - **\$6,587 = 24 4-hour Patrols**
- DWI Patrols - **\$9,880 = 24 6-hour Patrols**
- Speed Enforcement/Data Collection Equipment - **\$24,324, requires 50% match of \$12,162**

The seven grants total **\$49,503 in grant funds.**

The NH Highway Safety Agency will reimburse the Town for 100% of the salary-related expenses plus associated roll up costs for all hours worked under the grants. The Town is responsible for in kind cost matches for the 6 patrol grants totaling **\$9,335.25** those costs are soft match costs and are funds already budgeted for administering the grants, prosecuting any cases resulting from the enforcement efforts and equipment costs associated with the conducting the patrols i.e. vehicle and fuel costs.

Enforcement patrols will be scheduled throughout the grant period as one-man patrols. Officers assigned will be reimbursed at their respective overtime rate.

DISCUSSION

Authorize the Town Administrator and Chief of Police to execute the grant contracts as indicated in the grant packet and authorize the Town Administrator to accept and expend the funds, on behalf of the Town.

FISCAL IMPACT

The acceptance of these funds will have minimal impact on the budget since all salary and attendant roll up costs are reimbursed by the NH Highway Safety Agency and all matching costs are already budgeted in the department's operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

The Town Council move to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contracts and execute any associated documents with the NH Highway Safety Agency.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

See attached Resolution #2018-066.

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RESOLUTION

Number 2018-066

To Accept a NH Highway Safety Agency Grant for
Various Traffic Enforcement Activities

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

WHEREAS, funding is available through the NH Highway Safety Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town may receive funds for various traffic enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, these activities enhance the safety of the travelling public in Derry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend \$49,503 derived from NH Highway Safety Agency grants and to enter into agreements with the State of New Hampshire as may be necessary to finalize receipt of this grant funding for the following programs:

- a) Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols;
- b) Operation Safe Commute;
- c) Join the NH Clique;
- d) Distracted Driving;
- e) Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols;
- f) DWI Patrols;
- g) Speed Enforcement/Data Collection Equipment

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: November 20, 2018

Attest:

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James Morgan, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: _____