



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 20-125
COUNCIL MTG OF: December 15, 2020
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; Speed Enforcement Patrols, DUI Enforcement Patrols, Distracted Driving Patrols, Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols, Join the NH Clique Patrols, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols, and U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols

PURPOSE

To schedule a public hearing and subsequently accept grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency for Speed Enforcement Patrols, DUI Enforcement Patrols, Distracted Driving Patrols, Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols, Join the NH Clique Patrols, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols, and U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

After a public hearing (scheduled for January 5, 2021) the Council is encouraged to adopt this Resolution which provides additional resources for targeted patrol objectives.

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;

- Speed Enforcement Patrols - **\$12,052.00 = (40) 4 Hour Patrols**
- DUI Enforcement Patrols - **\$8,959.00 = (30) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Distracted Driving Patrols - **\$3,888.00 = (13) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols - **\$2,900.00 = (9) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Join the NH Clique Patrols - **\$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols - **\$1700.00 = (5) 4 Hour Patrols**
- U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols - **\$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols**

The seven grants total **\$31,199.00**

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 7 patrol grants totaling **\$7,799.75**. 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 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 #2020-061.

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