



STAFF REPORT

Public Hearing 9-5-23

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-88
 COUNCIL MTG OF: August 15, 2023
 FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
 OFFERED BY: Chief George R. Feole
 PREPARED BY: Sarah Gibbs
 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

The Town Council’s continued support of these activities helps the Police Department enhance safety in the community.

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 - **\$12,000.00 = (40) 4 Hour Patrols**
- DUI Enforcement Patrols - **\$1,600.00 = (5) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Distracted Driving Patrols - **\$4,000.00 = (13) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols - **\$3,000.00 = (10) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Join the NH Clique Patrols - **\$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols**
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols - **\$1,700.00 = (5) 4 Hour Patrols**
- U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols - **\$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols**

The seven enforcement programs total **\$24,000.00**

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 **\$6,000.00**. 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

Schedule a public hearing for September 5th 2023 and subsequently authorize the Town Administrator, David Caron, to accept the FFY24 Highway Safety Agency Grant and execute all documents associated with the Grant.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Please see Resolution 2023-059.

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RESOLUTION

Number 2023-059

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 \$24,000 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:

- Speed Enforcement Patrols - **\$12,000.00 = (40) 4 Hour Patrols**
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This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: September 5, 2023

Attest:

X _____
Charles Foote, Council Chair

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____

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