

Legislation Text

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Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for Driving While Impaired Task Force

Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to accept the sixth year grant award for \$187,479 from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for a Driving While Impaired Task Force.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- On October 28, 2013, City Council authorized a grant acceptance from the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) to offset costs of a Driving While Impaired (DWI) Task Force to focus on mitigating DWI and informing the dangers associated with DWI for four years.
- GHSP modified the grant offering and offered a sixth year of funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 grant for \$187,479, which funds 25 percent of the Task Force's personnel costs for six officers and one sergeant assigned to the DWI Task Force.
 - A City match of \$562,438 is required from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's (CMPD) operating budget to fund the remaining costs not funded by the grant.
- The grant funded the DWI Task Force at 100 percent in FY 2014 (\$797,304), 85 percent in FY 2015 (\$488,350), 70 percent in FY 2016 (\$418,415), 50 percent in FY 2017 (\$359,847), 25 percent in FY 2018 (\$187,479), and will fund 25 percent in FY 2019 (\$187,479), which offsets the Task Force costs by \$2,438,874 over the six-year grant award period.
- In FY 2020, the City will resume the total annual cost of the DWI Task Force of \$749,917.
- The DWI Task Force continues to be a significant factor in the number of enforcement actions taken by CMPD. In FY 2018, the DWI Task Force:
 - Charged 398 drivers with DWI,
 - Issued 2,723 traffic citations, and
 - Assisted with 22 DWI related fatality cases.
- In 2018 the DWI Task Force conducted over 30 educational awareness sessions with area high school students and instructed over 100 officers in standardized field sobriety testing.
- GHSP requires that City Council pass a resolution to authorize CMPD to apply for and accept the grant funding.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Police Operating Budget and FY 2019 Governor's Highway Safety Program DWI Task Force Grant

Attachment(s)

Resolution