

Legislation Text

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

Action:

Adopt a resolution to apply and accept a grant award in the amount of \$197,598 from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for a Driving While Impaired Task Force.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) has been awarded a Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) grant for Driving While Impaired (DWI) Task Force. This grant has been awarded annually for the previous six years.
- The grant will fund 25 percent of the Task Force's personnel costs for six officers and one sergeant assigned to the DWI Task Force in FY 2020 (\$197,598) which offsets the Task Force costs by \$2,636,472 over the seven-year grant award period.
- On October 28, 2013, City Council authorized a grant acceptance from the GHSP to offset costs of a DWI Task Force to focus on mitigating DWI and informing the dangers associated with DWI for four years. GHSP modified the grant application and offered a fifth, sixth, and now seventh year of funding for a FY 2020 grant for \$197,598.
- In 2018, the DWI Task Force conducted over 50 educational awareness sessions with area high school students and instructed over 300 officers in standardized field sobriety testing.
- GHSP requires that City Council adopt a resolution to authorize CMPD to apply for and accept the grant funding.
- The grant is for a one-year term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.
- In FY 2021, the City will assume the total annual cost of the DWI Task Force.
- The grant totals \$197,598, and requires the City to provide matching funds in the amount of \$592,793 which is included in CMPD's normal operating budget.

Fiscal Note

Funding:

- Grant Project Funding: General Grants Fund
- Local Match Funding: Police Operating Budget

Attachment(s)

Resolution