City of Charlotte

Charlotte-Mecklenburg
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Legislation Text

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

Action:
Adopt a resolution to apply for and accept a grant award in the amount of $198,940 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) 2021 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) grant for Driving While Impaired (DWI) Task Force. This grant has been awarded annually for the previous seven years.
- 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, seventh, and now eighth year of funding for a FY 2021 grant of $198,940.
- 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 2021 ($198,940) which offsets the Task Force costs by $3,342,231 over the eight-year grant award period.
- In FY 2019, the DWI Task Force conducted over 38 educational awareness sessions with area high school students and instructed over 200 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, 2020, through September 30, 2021.
- In FY 2022, the city will assume the total annual cost of the DWI Task Force.
- The grant totals $198,940 and requires the city to provide matching funds in the amount of $596,819, which is included in CMPD's operating budget.

Fiscal Note
Funding: General Grants Fund and Police Operating Budget

Attachment(s)
Resolution