City of Hampton



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Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation and Appropriation of FY2019 Virginia DMV Highway Safety Grant (Selective Enforcement - Speed) Through the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Motor Vehicles

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Virginia DMV Highway Safety Grant has awarded the City of Hampton Police Division pass-through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 in the total project amount of \$75,375.00 with \$50,250.00 in Federal funds. These grant funds will be used for officer overtime relating to selective enforcement (speed), the acquisition of three additional LIDAR units, and to allow two officers the ability to attend highway safety related training.

Discussion:

The total funding for this grant project is \$75,375.00 with \$50,250.00 in federal funds and \$25,125.00 in matching, in-kind funds. In-kind funding will be provided by the Hampton Police Division as fuel and vehicle maintenance costs incurred during/because of enforcement activities. The Hampton Police Division will utilize federal funding to purchase three LIDAR units and allow two officers to attend a highway safety related training. The remaining federal funding will be to hire overtime sworn personnel to specifically address traffic safety issues related to speed violations with the overall goal of reducing speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes within the City of Hampton. Efforts will be focused on enforcement during days of the week and times identified by the Department of Motor Vehicles' Virginia Highway Safety Office's Speed-Related Crash Statistics Report. The period of performance for this grant is from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

The period of performance for the FFY19 Highway Safety Grant begins October 1, 2018 and the DMV requires, at minimum, a 21 business day review upon the return of the completed, executed agreement by the City's Authorized Approving Official. In order to meet this prerequisite, the agreement was entered into in advance of the next available Council Meeting scheduled for September 12, 2018, which would not have allowed sufficient time to return the agreement to DMV for review and acceptance in advance of the opening of the award. The City's Grant Routing procedure was followed and approvals were received from Budget, Finance, Risk Management, and the City Attorney's Office in advance of the City Manager's signature.

Impact:

The FFY19 Virginia DMV Highway Safety Grant for select enforcement activities related to speed will provide considerable safety measures for the citizens of Hampton through added patrol and enforcement activities. The incurred cost to the City will be minimal as a majority of the project is funded through the grant.

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Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has awarded the City of Hampton, Virginia ("City") the 2019 Virginia Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$50,250.00 in Federal funds:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Grant requires an in-kind match of \$25,125.00, provided through fuel and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of 10/01/2018 to 09/30/2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia amends the Fiscal Year 2019 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the 2019 Virginia Highway Safety (Selective Enforcement - Speed) Grant award in the amount of \$50,250.00 with \$25,125.00 in in-kind funds, as awarded by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all actions necessary to implement this grant award.