



Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the 2019 Virginia Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program Grant through the Virginia State Police

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program Grant provides one-time (reimbursement) funding to pay for authorized expenditures to send two (2) Hampton Police Division investigators to the Southeast Region International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Training Seminar in June 2019.

Discussion:

The Virginia Help Eliminate Auto theft (HEAT) program is a statewide cooperative effort of the Department of State Police, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and more than 172 participating local law enforcement agencies. The goal is to decrease auto thefts' adverse impact upon automobile insurance premiums by reducing the number of vehicles stolen each year.

To accomplish this, the HEAT Program supports initiatives to increase auto theft arrests, stolen vehicle recoveries, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention activities. In order to enhance Virginia's auto theft enforcement capabilities, the HEAT Program has allocated funds to provide auto theft investigation training grants to send two (2) investigators to the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) training seminar, which is being held from June 2-6, 2019, in Lexington, KY. As a result of being awarded the funding, the Hampton Police Division (HPD) will be sending two (2) auto investigators to this seminar. This training opportunity will allow Hampton Police Division Investigators to further their knowledge, skills, and abilities relating to auto theft investigations. Additionally, it will allow the officers to further educate citizens regarding auto theft prevention and actively employ investigative resources using the latest trends, intelligence information, and investigative assistance.

Impact:

The total budgeted cost of sending two (2) investigators to the 2019 IAATI Training Seminar is \$2,495.76. This includes tuition fees, airfare, lodging, per diem, rental vehicle and fuel costs. The total grant amount of \$2000.00 was reimbursed with the grant approval letter from the Department of State Police's Finance Division. This reimbursement occurs prior to the training seminar's commencement. There is no local match required from the Hampton Police Division, however; the remaining \$495.76 will be covered by the Hampton Police Division operating budget.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Hampton Police Division that the City Council of the City of Hampton accepts and appropriates the FY19 Virginia HEAT Program Grant through the Virginia State Police

for the implementation of this grant award.

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton, Virginia has been awarded the 2019 Virginia Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 through the Virginia State Police in one-time funding with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of June 2, 2019 through June 6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton Virginia accepts and appropriates the 2019 Virginia Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program grant as awarded/made by the Department of State Police, and any supplemental funding, in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this grant award.