

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: August 25, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 9.F

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Colorado Department Of Transportation For Grant Funding For High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The enforcement funds in question have been awarded to the Longmont Police Department by the Colorado Department of Transportation for Police Officer overtime to enhance High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement. These funds provide for enhanced impaired driving enforcement which supplements the department's current impaired driving enforcement efforts. These funds require no matching funds, minimal commitment, and no additional administrative costs.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve or Disapprove

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Approve

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation distribute funding to county sheriffs and local police agencies for high visibility impaired driving enforcement during high profile events and holidays. The intent is to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and death by providing law enforcement agencies funding for officer overtime for enhanced impaired driving enforcement. Additional or matching funds are not required. The only requirement is to meet certain media and reporting stipulations which the police department has been doing routinely for years. This enforcement coincides with state and national media campaigns directed towards the reduction of impaired driving crashes, deaths, and injuries. The Longmont Police Department

has been notified that they will receive a total of \$21,000 for officer overtime covering Winter Blitz, Super Bowl weekend, Presidents' week, St Patrick's Day, Spring Events, Memorial Day, Summer Blitz, 4th of July, Summer Strikeout, Sturgis Rally, Labor Day, Fall Festivals, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holiday Parties, and New Year's Eve enforcement periods.

With Council's approval, these funds will be accepted and used to enhance the police department's current impaired driving enforcement program. The receipt of these funds will directly impact community safety by helping to remove impaired drivers from our streets and highways. These funds allow for additional officers, who would not normally be working, to solely focus on impaired drivers which enables regularly scheduled officers to focus on other public safety issues during these times. Considering these positive impacts, it is recommended Council adopt the resolution accepting this funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1 – Resolution

Att 2 - Purchase Order and Resolution Approving the Grant