


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-103	Meeting:	March 18, 2024
	Agenda Item:	31	Roll Call:	24-0424
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the 2025 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$246,333.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for the annual GTSB Grant. The funds will be dedicated to officer overtime, training, and equipment related to traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. The primary focus of the application is to heighten public awareness of impaired/distracted driving, seatbelt usage, school zone safety, and dangers to children in/around motor vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$246,333

◦ Overtime for special enforcement	\$208,733
◦ Equipment related to special enforcement	\$ 29,600
◦ Public educational programs	\$ 3,000
◦ Training for Officers	\$ 5,000

Funding Source: Recommended Operating Budget Department Detail Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, Special Revenues and Other Funds, Page 190

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The overtime and special enforcement request will allow for an increased police presence during high traffic hours, which is critical to public safety. Data from vehicle related incidences is collected and reviewed to identify key hours and locations for the increased presence funded by the grant.
- Equipment requested will promote public safety through radar recorded speed enforcement.
- Educational presentation to assist with the public's understanding of traffic laws, seat belt use, and child safety.

- The training includes updates on focused enforcement in impaired and distracted driving as well as promotional ideas to encourage voluntary compliance with public safety laws.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 25, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0293](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application for the FY 2020 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau grant, used to raise awareness of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety and to purchase specialized equipment, \$204,700. ([Council Communication No. 19-080](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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