



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-1126

**Agenda Date:** December 7, 2023

**Department:** Public Works

**Title:** 2023-1126 Federal and State Grants for Traffic Operations (B)

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**Description:** Request for City Commission to approve applying for and, if awarded, acceptance of Federal and State Grants for Traffic Operations.

**Fiscal Note:** Grant applications will be prioritized for those grants that do not require matching funds, however, if any grants that are applied for do require a match, grant applications will be limited to those in which existing budgeted funds can cover the match requirements.

**Explanation:** Potential grant funding sources for regular Traffic Operations include the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) portion of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill at the Federal Level, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Grant Programs for Transportation at the State Level. Potential grant funding sources for Traffic Operations Cybersecurity and Resiliency include Department of Homeland Security and the Florida Department of Management Services. Potential funding sources for Traffic Operations Research include the USDOT, FDOT, University of Florida, National Science Foundation, and the Transportation Research Board.

Typical Traffic Operations grant projects include intersection improvements, traffic safety projects, traffic and transportation technology projects, infrastructure cybersecurity and resiliency projects, traffic operations research, and transition to practice projects.

Many competitive grant applications have constraint timelines from the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) to the grant submission deadline. The proposed resolution would ensure the City's ability to meet NOFO timeframes and apply for grants concurrent and consistent with the existing Strategic Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and/or would offset ongoing Traffic Signal System Operational and Maintenance needs. If an award is received, the Resolution would also allow for execution of the agreements, and any other necessary documents.

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission adopt the Resolution that authorizes the City Manager or designee to apply for, accept, if awarded, and execute grant agreements, and any other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, for Traffic Operations projects and initiatives with United States Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Department of Homeland Security, the Florida Department of Management Services, the University of Florida, the National Science Foundation or the Transportation Research Board.