



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Date: December 7, 2023

Department: Gainesville Police Department

Title: 2023-1160 FY 2024 Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office Subgrant Funding (B)

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Description: Requesting retroactive approval from the City Commission to apply for, and accept, if awarded, the Florida Department of Transportation State Safety Office's FY 2024 Subgrant Funding for traffic safety initiatives, totaling \$249,000 in grant funding awarded for four (4) individual applications submitted by the Gainesville Police Department for traffic safety initiatives.

Fiscal Note: There is no match requirement for these grants. The City will receive a total of \$249,000 of Florida Department of Transportation grant funds as follows: City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program \$72,000; City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program \$72,000; City of Gainesville Distracted Driving Program \$45,000; and City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program \$60,000.

Explanation: The Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office has provided notice of award to the City for subgrants for each of the following GPD traffic safety initiatives:

- Safe Gator Program (\$72,000) - the City of Gainesville Safe Gator program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project targeting DUI related and aggressive driving behaviors. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of automobile crashes and fatalities within the city.
- Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program (\$72,000) - the City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project with a focus on motorcycle and scooter infractions. The grant also funds a minimum of four (4), six-hour Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques (SMART) courses to train civilian riders in real world scenarios. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of motorcycle and scooter crashes and fatalities within the city.
- Distracted Driving Program (\$45,000) - the City of Gainesville Distracted Driving Program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project with a focus on

reducing distracted driving behaviors. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

- Occupant Protection Program (\$60,000) - the City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project targeting unrestrained occupants and seat-belt education. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

Each grant award from the Florida Department of Transportation is on a cost reimbursement basis for overtime-only education and proactive traffic enforcement projects. The overall goal of each grant is the reduction of crashes and crash related fatalities through education and enforcement. These programs are in line with the City of Gainesville's Vision Zero Program.

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: (1) retroactively approve the Florida Department of Transportation State Safety Office's FY 2024 Subgrant application for traffic safety initiatives, and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept each of the four Florida Department of Transportation subgrant awards for the above-listed traffic safety-related initiatives, and to execute any necessary documents related to the grant awards, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.