



Date: August 21, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: 2013 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Award

Executive Summary

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department has been awarded a grant from the State of North Carolina, Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP) to support the purchase of crash reconstruction equipment and training in the amount of \$10,955 which includes a required 25% local match of \$2,739.

Recommendation

The administration recommends to authorize the City Manager to accept the "FY2013 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program" Grant by executing the grant documents; and

To adopt the "FY2013 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program" Grant Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$10,955.

Background

The NC Governor's Highway Safety Program is a program that promotes highway safety awareness and reduces the number of traffic crashes in the state of North Carolina through the planning and execution of safety programs. The Durham Police Department submitted a crash reconstruction equipment project proposal to the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program to increase safety when accidents occur. This equipment will help to reduce the chances of secondary accidents by increase the timeliness of officers reconstructing accidents and it will also improve accuracy of crash data, which assist in court cases.

Issues/Analysis

The main issue is whether to accept this funding opportunity from the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. If the City refuses to accept funding from the NCGHSP for the purchase of crash reconstruction equipment, it could negatively impact the possibility of future funding to the City of Durham for this type of equipment through the NCGHSP.

The second issue is, by accepting this award the City of Durham's Police Department must agree to the following:

- ◆ A minimum of one safety belt checkpoint per month and one impaired driving checkpoint per quarter; and
- ◆ Participation in all "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns.

Alternatives

The State of North Carolina, Department of Transportation, Governor’s Highway Safety Program has made this funding available to the City of Durham for the purchase of crash reconstruction equipment. The alternative would be to deny this motion which would delay the project until such time, alternative funding becomes available.

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact on the City of Durham’s general fund by accepting this award. The 25% local match requirement will be funded through the City of Durham’s Police Department Asset Forfeiture and Controlled Substances Tax Funds. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
Crash Reconstruction Equipment (Federal)	\$ 8,216.00
Matching Funds (Local)	<u>2,739.00</u>
Total Project	\$10,955.00

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.