



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 9/15/2026
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Police

Agenda Item: Adopt Resolution 2026-081 Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for a Traffic Enforcement Grant

With Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Over the last 20 years, the City of Brainerd has applied for and received federal grant money for traffic enforcement events. The City of Brainerd acts as the Fiscal Agency. All agencies within Crow Wing County can participate in these traffic enforcement events. If they do work one of these traffic events, Brainerd will reimburse the officer wages out of the grant funds.

Federal guidelines have changed for the fiscal year of 2027. Brainerd will no longer be able to be the Fiscal Agency for all of Crow Wing County. Each Police Department will now be required to apply for their own Traffic Safety Grant. The grant will work the same and will reimburse the City of Baxter for the overtime that has occurred when working a traffic enforcement event. The only difference is that we now need to apply for and manage the grant.

In August of 2026, the Baxter Police Department applied for the Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Office of Traffic Safety. The grant opportunity is a twelve-month grant (October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.)

The grant would then be managed through our office by Sergeant Taylor Halverson and Chief Matt Maier.

At this time, we are still waiting to hear from DPS to see if we have been awarded the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the next council meeting being on October 6th, Staff recommends the council adopt the proposed resolution so that if the grant is awarded to the police department in September, staff can immediately sign the agreement and start traffic enforcement events in October.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-081 Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the MN Department of Public Safety, for a Traffic Enforcement Grant.