

COBURG CITY COUNCIL ACTION/ISSUE ITEM



TOPIC: ODOT High Visibility Overtime Enforcement Program

Meeting Date: September 14th 2021

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REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Information only.

Recommended Motion:

"I move that the Council accept the High Visibility Grant Funds awarded to the Coburg Police Department by the Oregon Department of Transportation".

POLICIES OR CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

- Community outreach.
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BACKGROUND

One of the most frequent requests (or complaints) made to the Coburg Police Department is for traffic enforcement and speed enforcement.

Traffic enforcement is designed to promote public safety by stopping a violation, reducing crashes, and enhancing public enjoyment. At the same time, it deters other drivers from committing an infraction and historically changes behavior of the ticketed driver and onlookers. Presence of law enforcement is on every driver's mind on any roadway. In conjunction, safe driving techniques and unsafe alternatives and consequences keeps most vehicle drivers in a "checks and balances phenomenon" while operating a motor vehicle.

The Coburg Police Department has been awarded a \$9,640 in a High Visibility Overtime Enforcement Grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation-Transportation Safety Office. Officer Dan Miller took the initiative to seek out and complete this grant.

This includes overtime for Impaired Driving Enforcement \$3,000, Speed Enforcement \$2,000, Safety Belt Child Passenger Safety Enforcement \$2,000, Pedestrian Safety Enforcement \$1,500 and Distracted Driving Enforcement for \$1,140.

The traffic enforcement will be in addition to normal patrol enforcement duties.

RECOMMENDATION AND ALTERNATIVES

Recommendation is to implement the use of the ODOT High Visibility Overtime Enforcement Grant.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT

Grant award of \$9,640 from High Visibility Overtime Enforcement Grant. As this grant was not budgeted for, it will need to be added as a revenue and expense item in the Police Department in a supplemental budget at the time that it is completed.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

N/A

NEXT STEPS

Implementation of use of the ODOT High Visibility Overtime Enforcement Grant.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Copy of the Coburg Police Department's award letter for the grant.

REVIEWED THROUGH

Anne Heath, City Administrator
Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
