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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

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SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1714**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **RATIFYING** the City Manager's signature **ACCEPTING** the **SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT AWARD** in the amount of **\$440,000**, **APPROVING** the required **LOCAL MATCH** of **\$110,000**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The city has been awarded \$440,000 through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan. This federal award requires a 20% local match, which equals \$110,000, bringing the total project cost to \$550,000.

Acceptance of this funding will allow the city to begin development of a data-driven, equity-focused Safety Action Plan that will significantly strengthen roadway safety while positioning the city for future federal implementation grants.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Secretary of Transportation's SS4A program provides funding to local governments for planning and implementation activities aimed at preventing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. As part of the city's long-term transportation and public safety strategy, staff submitted a grant application seeking funding to prepare a Safety Action Plan—a prerequisite for pursuing future SS4A infrastructure implementation grants.

The city has now been officially awarded \$440,000 to support the development of this plan. In accordance with the program requirements, the city must provide a 20% local match of \$110,000. Due to program timelines and coordination requirements, the City Manager executed the acceptance documentation on behalf of the city.

This planning effort will enable the city to:

- Analyze current traffic safety conditions
- Identify high-risk corridors and underserved neighborhoods
- Establish measurable safety goals and commitments
- Prioritize projects grounded in community input and social equity
- Position the city for future federal funding opportunities for safety improvements

The ratification of the City Manager's signature is necessary to formalize the city's acceptance of the SS4A grant award and allow staff to proceed with the next steps in project administration.

The Safety Action Plan funded through this award represents a major step forward in advancing transportation safety and accessibility across the community.

The plan will establish clear objectives from city leadership aimed at reducing serious injuries and fatalities, improving conditions for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable users, and advancing Complete Streets principles citywide.

Historically underserved communities often bear a disproportionate share of traffic safety risks. The plan will emphasize inclusive engagement and equitable prioritization to ensure all voices are represented and all neighborhoods benefit from safety improvements.

Once completed, the Safety Action Plan will make the city eligible for SS4A implementation grants, which can support major infrastructure improvements such as pedestrian enhancements, bike facilities, lighting, crosswalk upgrades, traffic calming, and more. Acceptance of this planning grant is essential for positioning the city to secure significantly larger future awards.

The federal award of \$440,000 covers 80% of the project cost. The required \$110,000 local match will satisfy the 80/20 SS4A cost-share requirement.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Award Amount \$440,000, Match Amount \$110,000.

Fiscal Year: 2025/2026

Amount Requested: \$0

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1714.”