

Staff Report

Subject: GOHS TEN Grant Award
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Department: Finance & Accounting Services
Meeting Date: 10/20/26
Item Description: Consideration to accept a \$35,430.40 grant award from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program for TEN - South East Area, grant number TEN-2027-EffinghaSO-036.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to accept the \$35,430.40 GOHS grant award for TEN - South East Area, grant number TEN-2027-EffinghaSO-036, with no local cost share requirement.

Executive Summary:

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has approved federal funding of \$35,430.40 for the Effingham County Sheriff's Office project TEN - South East Area. The award letter is dated October 1, 2026. The grant period is October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

The award is funded through the State and Community Highway Safety program, Assistance Listing Number 20.600. Allowable costs incurred during the grant period are reimbursable at 100% of the approved federal funding, up to the award amount.

The Sheriff's Office will carry out the approved highway safety project in accordance with the grant terms and law enforcement special conditions. Grant funds must be identified separately in the County's accounting system. Written GOHS and NHTSA approval is required before purchasing any equipment item costing \$10,000 or more, including taxes and shipping. Local procurement policies and Buy America requirements apply.

Background:

1. This is a reimbursement grant for allowable costs incurred October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.
2. The awarded funding amount is \$35,430.40.
3. There is no cost share requirement. The award is contingent upon the availability of federal funds. GOHS assigned the agency a LOW risk assessment for FFY 2027.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve acceptance of the \$35,430.40 GOHS TEN - South East Area grant award.
2. Do not approve acceptance of the GOHS TEN - South East Area grant award.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve acceptance of the \$35,430.40 GOHS TEN - South East Area grant award, grant number TEN-2027-EffinghaSO-036.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review:

Effingham County Sheriff's Office

Funding Source:

Federal funds administered by GOHS under Assistance Listing Number 20.600. Approved costs are reimbursed at 100%, up to \$35,430.40. No local cost share is required.

Attachments:

GOHS TEN-2027-EffinghaSO-036 award letter dated October 1, 2026