

Staff Report

Subject: GOHS Grant Award
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Department: Finance Department
Meeting Date: 10/18/22
Item Description: Consideration to accept a grant award from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program, grant number GA-2023-402 PT-032.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to accept a grant award from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program.

Executive Summary:

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) administers grant funding for various programs that address 11 national traffic safety priority areas of impaired driving, police traffic services, speed control, roadway safety, occupant protection/child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, traffic records and community traffic safety. Focusing on these areas has historically proven to be more effective than other efforts to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Funding for these grants is allocated to Georgia GOHS and other states annually from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) using a formula based on population and road mileage. GOHS then awards the funding to state and local safety-related agencies as "seed" money for the development and implementation of programs that address traffic safety problem areas or expand ongoing activities in safety priority areas.

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office will utilize the funds to purchase equipment and to provide services that will educate the public on highway safety and facilitate the implementation of programs that reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities on roadways in the Effingham County community.

Background:

1. This is a reimbursement grant.
2. The awarded funding amount is \$61,990.00.
3. There is no cost share requirement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the acceptance of a GOHS State and Community Highway Safety Grant award.
2. Do not approve the acceptance of a GOHS State and Community Highway Safety Grant award.

3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the acceptance of a GOHS State and Community Highway Safety Grant award.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Effingham County Sheriff's Office

Funding Source:

No cost share requirement

Attachments:

GOHS GA-2023-402 PT-032 State and Community Highway Safety Award Letter