

Eustis Police Department

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: June 6th, 2024

RE: Resolution Number 24-44: State of Florida Department of Transportation

Grant for Speed Enforcement

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this staff report is to seek approval from the City Commission for the acceptance and allocation of a grant from the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for speed enforcement efforts. The grant, in the amount of \$10,000, will support the City of Eustis' participation in Operation Slow Down, with funds designated for the purchase of a Stalker Radar Speed Measurement Device for the motors unit and overtime expenditures for police officers engaged in speed enforcement activities.

Background:

Operation Slow Down is a statewide initiative aimed at reducing speeding violations and promoting traffic safety on Florida roadways. As part of this initiative, the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides grant funding to local law enforcement agencies to support speed enforcement efforts. The City of Eustis Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to enhance its speed enforcement capabilities and contribute to the overall objectives of Operation Slow Down.

Proposal:

The proposed resolution authorizes the City of Eustis to accept the grant award from the State of Florida Department of Transportation and allocate the funds as follows:

- 1. \$3,500 towards the purchase of a motorcycle mounted Stalker Radar Speed Measurement Device to enhance the city's speed enforcement capabilities.
- 2. \$6,500 for overtime expenditures for police officers specifically assigned to speed enforcement duties as part of Operation Slow Down.

The grant funding will enable the Police Department to deploy additional resources towards speed enforcement activities, ultimately contributing to improved traffic safety within the city.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the proposed resolution authorizing the acceptance and allocation of the grant from the State of Florida

Department of Transportation for speed enforcement purposes. By accepting this grant, the police department can enhance its ability to address speeding violations and promote safer roadways for residents and visitors alike.

Financial Impact:

The grant award in the amount of \$10,000 will be fully funded by the State of Florida Department of Transportation and will have no financial impact on the city's operating budget. The funds will be utilized in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the grant agreement, with \$3,500 allocated for equipment purchase and \$6,500 designated for overtime expenditures. A budget amendment will be as follows:

Revenue:

| FDOT Speed Enforcement 001-0000-334-20-05 | \$10,000 |
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| Expenditure: | |
| FDOT Speed Enforcement 001-2180-521-60-60 | \$ 3,500 |
| FDOT Speed Enforcement Over-Time 001-2180-521-010-14 | \$ 6,500 |

Action Requested:

City Commission approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the acceptance and allocation of the grant from the State of Florida Department of Transportation for speed enforcement purposes.

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