

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 067, 2024, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Department of Transportation Colorado Highway Safety Office Click It or Ticket Grant for the Fort Collins Police Services Traffic Enforcement Unit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$16,529 of unanticipated federal grant revenue from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Highway Safety Office (HSO), to support Fort Collins Police Services' Traffic Enforcement Unit work toward traffic safety and reducing serious injuries and fatal crashes through the enforcement of traffic laws and specifically those related to driver and passenger restraint system use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On March 2, 2024, Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS), Traffic Enforcement Unit was awarded a federal grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation HSO Click It or Ticket program.

The intent of the Click It or Ticket grant program is to provide high visibility enforcement focusing on enforcement of driver and passenger restraint system use. The federal grant runs on three enforcement cycles occurring in April, May, and July of 2024. Each enforcement cycle runs for a two-week period where officers will be deployed to conduct traffic enforcement and specifically enforcement of driver and passenger restraint use.

The enforcement of driver and passenger restraint system use aligns with the City's Vision Zero goal for reducing and/or eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes. Driver and passenger restraint systems have proven to save lives by keeping the restrained passengers inside the vehicle in the course of a serious collision.

The award is based on an application that was submitted requesting funds in support of deployment over the course of the three two-week enforcement periods. The grant funds are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation and are reimbursed to FCPS and the City after receipt of a claim that is filed

within 45 days of the conclusion of each two-week enforcement period. All reimbursements must match the actual personnel salary overtime rate.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$16,529 in program costs for FCPS Traffic Enforcement Unit and other agency personnel to deploy at the personnel salary overtime rate over three two-week enforcement waves of “Click It or Ticket.”

This grant from HSO is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$16,529.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Grant Award Letter
3. Grant Enforcement Calendar
4. Grant Purchase Order