



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 3/11/2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a request by the police department to apply for a traffic safety vehicle grant through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Police Department was notified that OTS has opened a request for proposal (RFP) for law enforcement agencies to apply for a traffic safety vehicle. The purpose of this squad car would be to give law enforcement officers a higher vantage point when conducting traffic enforcement. Higher vantage points allow for officers to effectively detect distracted driving, hands free violations, seat belt violations and child passenger restraint violations.

OTS will award up to \$95,000.00 for each grant for the purchase of a traffic safety vehicle. The vehicle is required to have a higher vantage point and will likely be a full-size truck. A local match of 20% by the agency receiving the grant is also required.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion allowing the police department to apply for a traffic safety vehicle through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).