



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 9/26/2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting \$42,600.00 for a 2022-2023 Toward Zero Deaths grant that includes a match requirement of \$1,500.00 for equipment.

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BACKGROUND:

On July 25, 2022, the City Council authorized the Police Department to apply for a grant entitled Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for public education and additional enforcement activities targeted toward distracted driving, speed and seat belt violations and DWI during the fiscal year of 2022-2023. The goal is to reduce the number and severity of vehicle crashes in Grand Rapids and throughout Itasca County. The Grand Rapids Police Department is a member of the TZD- Itasca County Coalition consisting of community members, public health, court services and others committed to reducing deaths on our roadways. The TZD grant is a very important piece of funding for these efforts and we have been a grant recipient for over 25 years.

The Police Department was notified by the Department of Public Safety that our grant proposal will be funded in the award amount of \$42,600.00 along with a match requirement of \$1,500.00 for equipment. Typically, the Grand Rapids Police Department receives 50%-60% of the total grant dollars as we have acted as the fiscal agent for Itasca County Law Enforcement agencies. This is a partnership which includes the Itasca County Sheriff's Office, Bovey Police Department, Coleraine Police Department, Nashwauk Police Department, Keewatin Police Department, Deer River Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion adopting a resolution accepting a 2022-2023 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant in the amount of \$42,600.00 with a match requirement of \$1,500.00 for equipment.