



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 9/8/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting a 2025-2026 Toward Zero Death (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$37,200.00.

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BACKGROUND:

On July 14, 2025, City Council authorized the police department to apply for a 2025-2026 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for extra traffic enforcement.

The purpose of the TZD grant is to provide funding for additional enforcement activities targeted toward distracted driving, speed, seat belt violations and impaired driving during the fiscal year of 2025-2026. 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 \$37,200.00. 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, Nashwauk Police Department, Keewatin Police Department, Deer River Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution accepting a 2025-2026 Toward Zero Death (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$37,200.00.