



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 09/27/2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting \$26,950.00 for a 2021 – 2022 Toward Zero Deaths Grant.

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BACKGROUND:

On July 12, 2021, the City Council authorized the Police Department to make application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety for funding of a grant entitled Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for public education and additional enforcement activities targeted toward DWI, distracted driving, speed and seat belt violations. The goal is to reduce the number and severity of vehicle crashes in Itasca County. 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 the deaths on our roadways. The TZD grant is a very important piece of funding these efforts and we have been grant recipients for over 25 years.

The Police Department was recently notified by the Department of Public Safety that our grant proposal would be funded in the award amount of \$26,950.00. Typically, the Grand Rapids Police Department receives about 50% to 60% of the total grant dollars as we have acted as the fiscal agent for Itasca County Law Enforcement agencies. This is truly a partnership, which includes the Itasca County Sheriff's Department, Deer River Police Department, Bovey Police Department, Coleraine Police Department, Nashwauk Police Department, Keewatin Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion adopting a resolution accepting a 2021 – 2022 Towards Zero Deaths Grant (TZD) in the amount of \$26,950.00 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.