



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 7/14/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider authorizing the police department to apply for a 2025-2026 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety for the purpose of extra traffic enforcement.

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BACKGROUND:

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.

This is a partnership which includes the Itasca County Sheriff's Office, Coleraine Police Department, Nashwauk Police Department, Keewatin Police Department, Deer River Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to authorize the police department to apply for a 2025-2026 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety for the purpose of extra traffic enforcement.