



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 09/27/2022

**REQUESTER:** John Stege, Norman Police Department

**PRESENTER:** Kevin Foster, Chief of Police

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,015 FROM THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (OHSO) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT, SATURATION PATROLS, INFORMATION/EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED TOWARD TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND PARTICIPATION IN OHSO MOBILIZATIONS; APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2223-52; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) has informed the Police Department that it has been awarded a \$55,015 grant. The funds are allocated for general police traffic services to conduct high visibility enforcement in support of state and national goals. Not all collisions and injuries can be directly attributed to a specific causal factor. Some collisions occur because drivers operate a vehicle unsafely and without due attention to traffic laws and road conditions. General traffic enforcement allows the Police Department to address a greater variety of traffic problems.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Department will conduct overtime high visibility traffic enforcement with a minimum of two (2) different stops per hour to reduce the incidence of injury and death (KA) crashes in our community.

To identify those times and locations where KA crashes most often occur, the Project Director shall utilize state and local data and reference sources available. General traffic enforcement will address a greater variety of traffic violations, dependent upon local problem identification.

The Department will participate in all National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) mobilizations in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement, and employ the following evidence-based strategies in conducting grant-related activities:

- Countermeasure: High Visibility Enforcement
- Planned Activity: State and Local High Visibility Enforcement

Not all causal factors can be reduced statistically to a specific location, time, or day. Further, high-risk driving activity is not always observable and may go undetected. Additionally, many high collision locations and times occur when officers are taxed with other calls and roadway conditions do not allow safe high-visibility enforcement.

The Department will conduct a minimum of two (2) Public Information and Education (PI&E) activities each month. Our efforts, therefore, will include:

1. Social media posts,
2. Press releases,
3. Radio/TV spots, and
4. Officer initiated educational efforts (e.g., "Know Your Limit", "Safety Town", and "No Refusal Weekends")

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

Acceptance of the grant, acknowledging the terms of the agreement by signing and dating the associated Certification, and approval of the contract.

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

Budget appropriation of \$55,015 from the Special Grant Fund balance (22-29000); and designate:

\$51,105 to Traffic Enforcement-Overtime Salaries (account 22660119-42110);  
\$ 3,910 to Traffic Enforcement-Benefits (account 22660119-42901)

The expenditure and revenue accounts project number is GP0127.

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

Upon reimbursement, deposit funds into Other Revenue/Traffic & Alcohol Enforcement (226-333340).