Walton County Department Agenda Request

Department Name: **Walton County Sheriff's Office**

Department Head/Representative: **Kim McCord**

Meeting Date Request: **11/10/2026**

Has this topic been discussed at past meetings? **Yes**

If so, When? **January 2026**

TOPIC: **(HEAT Grant) GA Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant FY2027**

Wording For Agenda: **Award letter for the GA Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (HEAT) FY2027**

This Request: Informational Purposes Only Needs Action by Commissioners* **Yes**

*What action are you seeking from the Commissioners? **Acceptance**

Department Comments/Recommendation:

Additional Documentation Attached? **Award Letter from Governor's Office of Highway Safety**

Is review of this request or accompanying documentation by the County Attorney required? **No**

If so, has a copy of the documentation been forwarded to County Attorney?

Date forwarded to County Attorney:

Has the County Attorney review been completed?

If this request involves the expenditure of county funds, please answer the following:
Approved in current budget?
Budget information attached?
Comments:

Purchasing Department Comments:

County Attorney Comments:

Chairman's Comments:

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DIRECTOR

October 1, 2026

Keith Brooks
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Monroe, Georgia 30655

Re: Application #: GA-2027-WaltonSO-166-APP
Grant #: GA-2027-WaltonSO-166
Project Title: High Visibility Enforcement, Walton County

Dear Keith Brooks,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that your application in the amount of **$72,032.80** federal funds has been approved. The effective date of the grant is October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. Allowed costs incurred within this period are reimbursable at a rate of 100% of the approved federal funds allocated above.

*The Grant Terms and Conditions** have been updated and can be found within your grant application in the GOHS Grant Management System (GMS) or on the GOHS website. *Special Conditions**, **LAW ENFORCEMENT**, associated with your grant can also be found on the GOHS website and both contain important information from GOHS. These documents clearly identify the guidelines and requirements governing your grant. Please note under Grant Terms and Conditions **all grant awards are contingent upon the availability of federal funds** and must be identified separately in your agency's account system.

GOHS and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) must provide written approval prior to the purchase of any equipment item costing $10,000.00 or more. If applicable and approval is granted, you will receive notification of the equipment approval from GOHS. Please ensure your agency follows its local procurement policy as well as the Buy America Act requirements. If local policies are not available, your agency must use the State of Georgia procurement procedures. By policy, GOHS is required to maintain inventory of any item that costs $10,000 or more. For purposes of this policy, "equipment items $10,000 or more" include any item that has the capability of storing data, such as desktop computers, laptops, and I-pads. The $10,000 threshold also includes items that may physically cost less than $10,000 but with taxes and shipping costs added will equal over $10,000.

If your project allows for **Safety Items for Public Distribution**, such as bike helmets, reflector belts, or similar items whose sole purpose is to improve highway safety, you will be required to read, sign, and submit the document titled *Acknowledgement form for Non-Motorized Projects** to your grant manager at GOHS prior to distributing those items. This document should be signed by the project director and will be included in the grant file. If the Acknowledgement for Safety Items for Public Distribution document is not received prior to distribution, GOHS reserves the right to deny reimbursement.

GOHS is required to complete *Risk Assessments** on each grantee prior to the award and notify the grantee of the outcome. The Risk Assessment is based upon prior grants, audit reports, and/or interaction during the application process. Your agency's Risk Assessment score for the FFY 2027 grant year is **LOW**.

If your jurisdiction/agency (combined) receives federal funds of $1,000,000.00 or more in a year, an audit is required in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. A copy of the audit report must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) prior to September 30, 2027.

Agencies awarded federal funds through GOHS are required to receive their reimbursement payments electronically. If your Agency received funds in FFY 2026, please review the information previously submitted to GOHS with your supplier information. If no changes are needed, GOHS will continue to use this information to reimburse electronically. If you are a new Grantee, you will need to become approved supplier with the State of Georgia. New Suppliers must register in DOAS GA@Work Marketplace. This is the link needed to register; this link is also listed on our website along with a Job Aid with step-by-step instructions.

https://app01.jaggaer.com/apps/Router/SupplierLogin?CustOrg=Georgia

Once the Grantee registers and receives an email with a supplier number, the next step is to log into GA@Work and follow the instructions, answer the questions and upload the required documents. The State of Georgia will review the documents for accuracy so be sure to upload the documents that are required or it could delay your approval.

Award packet documents discussed above and identified in *red and an asterisk (*),* **are all located on the GOHS website at http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/current-grantees/.**

Organization Legal Name (as listed in SAM.gov): Walton County Sheriff's Office
SAM Unique Entity Identifier: DF1LJCB7WK48
Assistance Listing Number: 20.600
Assistance Listing Title: State & Community Highway Safety
FAIN: 69A37526300004020GA0
Subaward Period of Performance State and End Date: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
Subaward Budget Period State and End Date: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

Should you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact your assigned grant manager, **Emerson Lundy** at (404) 656-6996. GOHS looks forward to your partnership in helping to make Georgia's roadways safer.

Sincerely,

Allen Poole
Director

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cc: Scott Whisnant, Project Director
Kim Mccord, Financial Officer
Emerson Lundy, Planner/Grant Manager