

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 2025

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program to fund the Forsyth County Joint DWI Task Force, execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and execution of a Mutual Assistance Agreement between the City, County, and the Town of Kernersville for continued implementation of the Forsyth County DWI Joint Task Force.

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Community

Strategic Plan Objective: LC1: Enhancing residents' sense of safety and reducing crime

Summary of Information:

The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) has approved grant award funding to the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for continued operation of a Forsyth County DWI Joint Task Force. This will be the sixteenth consecutive year of funding by GHSP. The Task Force will be staffed by two officers from the Winston-Salem Police Department; one deputy from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office; and two officers from the Kernersville Police Department. Unlike previous years, this grant will only fund one officer from the Winston-Salem Police Department and one officer from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office.

Both the grant award of \$50,641 and the remaining 75% match (\$151,924) will be shared by the City and County as follows:

Committee Action:

Committee	P/S 8/11/2025	Action	Approval
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For	Unanimous	Against	
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Remarks:

**Year 16 DWI Task Force Funding
Award & Required Match Allocation**

	Personnel Expenses	Travel/Training Expenses	Grant Award Amount (25%)	Required Match (75%)
City of Winston-Salem	104,336	2,000	26,591	79,774
Forsyth County	94,200	2,000	24,050	72,150
Totals	\$ 198,536	\$ 4,000	\$ 50,641	\$ 151,924

Officers from the Kernersville Police Department are now funded through a separate grant managed by the Town of Kernersville; however, they will be dedicated to the DWI Joint Task Force when the parties (Kernersville, Winston-Salem, and Forsyth County) execute a Mutual Assistance Agreement for continued implementation of the DWI Joint Task Force. Each of these officers assigned to the Task Force is responsible for enforcement of laws prohibiting driving while intoxicated. General funds for this grant (including local match) were budgeted as part of the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.