

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 10, 2021

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
 Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police

Council Action Requested:
 Resolution Authorizing Permission To Apply For A Thirteenth Year Of Grant Funding From The North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program To Support Continued Operation Of The Forsyth County Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Task Force

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: Reduce Crime and Fear of Crime
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:
 The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are eligible to apply for a thirteenth year of funding for the continued operation of the Forsyth County DWI Task Force. This grant funding is available from the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP). The Task Force is comprised of officers from the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD), Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO), and the Kernersville Police Department (KPD). A separate grant now funds a portion of KPD’s expenses (a request from GHSP earlier in the year.). Since it began operation in 2010, the Task Force’s accomplishments include 6,164 DWI citations; 3,022 speeding citations; 826 seatbelt citations; and over \$4.043 million in seized vehicles, firearms, drugs, and United States currency. The Task force has also taught 470 drunk driving prevention courses to 18,322 students.

The Task Force operates throughout the geographic area of Forsyth County.

GHSP is again offering the opportunity to apply for a grant not to exceed 25% of personnel expenses for the Task Force. As with the current grant award for 2021-2022, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County will be required to provide the remaining 75% match. Due to ongoing staffing shortages of patrol officers, WSPD will be reducing its number of officers on the Task Force from four to either two or three. A chart outlining the estimated cost for each

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 1/10/22 Public Safety 1/10/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

position, as well as the required match and grant award amount for these positions, is provided below. These estimates are based on a scenario of three WSPD officers:

Agency	Position	Estimated Total Salary w/ Benefits	25% Grant Funded	75% Agency Funded
Winston-Salem Police Department	1 Sergeant	133,600	33,400	100,200
Winston-Salem Police Department	2 Officers	193,720	48,430	145,290
Winston-Salem Subtotal		327,320	81,830	245,490
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office	1 Officer	81,120	19,250	57,750
TOTAL		\$ 408,440	\$ 101,080	\$ 303,240

If applying for continued funding is approved, a grant application will be submitted; and if the application is funded, a grant award document, interlocal agreement, and mutual aid agreement will be required for signature via Council approval in August 2022.