

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 21, 2023

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police

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: 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 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 fourteenth 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.

Both the grant award of \$80,103 and the remaining 75% match (\$240,307) will be shared by the City and County as follows:

Committee Action:

Committee	PS, FC 8/15/2023	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

**Year 14 DWI Task Force Funding
Award & Required Match Allocation**

	Personnel Expenses	Grant Award Amount (25%)	Required Match (75%)
City of Winston-Salem	228,705	57,176	171,529
Forsyth County	88,705	22,176	66,529
Totals	\$ 317,410	\$ 79,352	\$ 238,057

Amounts are rounded up to the nearest dollar. These amounts do not include \$3,000 for travel expenses, which is also based on a 25%-75% award -match ratio.

The two officers from the Kernersville Police Department are now funded through a separate grant managed by the Town of Kernersville; however, the two Kernersville officers 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 2023-24 Adopted Budget.