



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	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.
City Council Committee	Public Safety Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Assistant Chief Jake Swaim, Police Department
Department Head	William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police
City Manager/ACM	Dr. Angel Wright-Lanier, ACM

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Recommended Council Action Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options Recommendation of Approval

Strategic Focus Area Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective LC1: Enhancing Residents' Sense of Safety and Reducing Crime
Anticipated Fiscal Impact No Estimate Available

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 seventeenth 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. 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 and the 75% match will be shared by the City and County as follows:

**Year 17 DWI Task Force Funding
Award & Required Match Allocation**

	Personnel Expenses	Travel/Training Expenses	Total Expenses	Grant Award Amount (25%)	Required Match (75%)
City of Winston-Salem	82,999	2,500	85,500	21,375	64,125
Forsyth County	101,187	2,500	103,687	25,922	77,765
Totals	\$ 184,186	\$ 5,000	\$ 189,186	\$ 47,297	\$ 141,890

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 2026-27 Adopted Budget.

Attachments

- Resolution/Ordinance

Committee Action	
For:	Against:
Remarks:	