

Information Item

Date: January 16, 2024

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

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

Subject:
Information Pertaining to the Police Department’s Submission of a Grant Application for Continued Funding of the Forsyth County DWI Task Force

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County will be applying for a 15th year of grant funding from the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP). This grant will partially support the continued operation of the Forsyth County DWI Task Force. As with the 14 previous years, the City will apply for funding on behalf of both the City and County. The Task Force is comprised of two Winston-Salem Police Department officers, one Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office deputy, and two Kernersville Police Department officers. (A separate grant now funds Kernersville’s personnel expenses for the Task Force.) The Task Force operates throughout the geographic area of Forsyth County. Since it began operation in 2010, the Forsyth County DWI Task Force has been successful with its activities:

- 6,495 DWI citations
- 3,279 speeding citations
- 862 seatbelt citations
- Over \$4.617 million in seized vehicles, firearms, drugs, and United States currency
- 516 drunk driving prevention courses taught to 20,255 individuals

If the grant is awarded, funding will not exceed 25% of Task Force personnel expenses. The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County will be required to provide the remaining 75% match, which is the current funding structure for the 2023-2024 grant. The grant will continue to be

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For	_____	Against	_____
Remarks:	_____		

administered by the Police Department. Before any approval for the use of grant funds, a signed grant award document, interlocal agreement, and mutual aid agreement must be submitted to GHSP but not before Council approval, which will be requested later in 2024.

**Year 15 DWI Task Force Funding
Estimated Award & Required Match Allocation**

	Personnel Expenses	Grant Award Amount (25%)	Required Match (75%)
City of Winston-Salem	264,005	66,001	198,004
Forsyth County	94,200	23,550	70,650
Totals	\$ 358,205	\$ 89,551	\$ 268,654