

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 22, 2019

To: The City Manager

From: Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police

Council Action Requested:

Consideration and approval of application for continued grant funding for the Forsyth County Driving While Impaired (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 North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) has invited the City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and the Town of Kernersville to apply for a tenth year of funding for the continued operation of the Forsyth County DWI Task Force. Since it began operation in 2010, the Task Force’s accomplishments include 4,861 DWI citations; 2,192 speeding citations; 644 seatbelt citations; and over \$2.8 million in seized vehicles, drugs, and United States currency. The Task force has also taught 457 drunk driving prevention courses to 16,404 students.

The Task Force will operate 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 2018-2019, the City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and the Town of Kernersville would be required to provide the remaining 75% match. A chart outlining the estimated cost for each position, as well as the required match and grant award amount for these positions, is provided below:

Committee Action:

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| Committee | Finance 1/14/19 Public Safety 1/14/19 | Action | Approval |
| For | Unanimous | Against | |

Remarks:

| Agency | Position | Total Salary With Benefits | 25% Grant Funded | 75% Agency Funded |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Winston-Salem Police Department | 1 Sergeant | 116,165 | 29,041.35 | 87,124 |
| Winston-Salem Police Department | 1 Corporal | 106,409 | 26,602 | 79,807 |
| Winston-Salem Police Department | 2 Officers | 166,950 | 83,475 | 250,425 |
| Winston-Salem Subtotal | | 389,525 | 139,119 | 417,356 |
| Kernersville Police Department | 1 Officer | 81,090 | 20,273 | 60,818 |
| Forsyth County Sheriff's Office | 1 Officer | 79,500 | 19,875 | 59,625 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 550,115 | \$ 179,266 | \$ 537,798 |

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.