

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 9, 2019

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

From: Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager
 Catrina A. Thompson, Chief of Police

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Permission To Apply For An Eleventh Year Of Grant Funding From The North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program For 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 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 an eleventh 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 5,447 DWI citations; 2,363 speeding citations; 714 seatbelt citations; and over \$3.27 million in seized vehicles, drugs, and United States currency. The Task force has also taught 457 drunk driving prevention courses to 17,948 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 2019-2020, 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:

Committee	Finance 12/9/19 Public Safety 12/9/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

Agency	Position	Total Salary With Benefits	25% Grant Funded	75% Agency Funded	Estimated Salary (w/ Increases)
Winston-Salem Police Department	1 Sergeant	125,504	31,376.00	94,128	78,440
Winston-Salem Police Department	1 Senior Officer	84,800	26,602	79,807	53,000
Winston-Salem Police Department	2 Officers	181,885	83,475	250,425	113,678
Winston-Salem Subtotal		392,189	141,453	424,360	
Kernersville Police Department	1 Officer	81,600	20,273	60,818	51,000
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office	1 Officer	80,000	19,875	59,625	50,000
TOTAL		\$ 553,789	\$ 181,601	\$ 544,802	346,118

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 2020.