

Information Item

Date: February 13, 2023

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
Michael J. Cardwell, Interim 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 have applied for a 14th 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 all 13 previous years, the City has applied 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, as is demonstrated by the following statistics:

- 6,306 DWI citations
- 3,144 speeding citations
- 840 seatbelt citations
- Over \$4.347 million in seized vehicles, firearms, drugs, and United States currency
- 493 drunk driving prevention courses taught to 18,594 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 2022-2023 grant. The grant will continue to be administered by the Police Department. Prior to any approval for 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 2023.