



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve acceptance of University of North Florida Training and Services Institute, Inc., d/b/a Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), High Visibility Education (HVE) and Enforcement Campaign for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$26,882 for police overtime and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

The Clearwater Police Department (CPD) was granted approval by the Resource Management Committee to submit a grant application under the state HVE program to continue its grant-funded pedestrian and bicycle safety project. The grant has been officially awarded in the amount of \$26,882 and CPD now seeks approval to accept it.

CPD has conducted seven grant-funded comprehensive enforcement/education projects since March 2014 aimed at changing the behavior of all who use Clearwater's roadways - pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Due to the success of the previous projects, the University would like to see Clearwater continue to build upon what it has already accomplished.

CPD will again carefully select a pool of patrol officers/sergeants for this project who have demonstrated a sincere interest and affinity for traffic, bicycle and pedestrian enforcement. The details will be worked by this select group of officers, focusing on those areas with a high volume of crashes compared to other parts of the city, have a high volume of pedestrian traffic, or both.

The project period will commence within 30 days of the contract execution date and will end on or before May 14, 2021.

As with the previous grants, selected officers will receive specific training as required on traffic enforcement and educational opportunities with the public prior to implementation of the project. CPD will also work closely with the University during the project period to ensure accurate data collection and to advise of any problems or successes that are accomplished.

CPD will continue to get the word out about the project through a variety of means. CPD's Public Safety Information Officer will distribute a minimum of two releases, as outlined in the agreement.

There will be no direct adverse impact to the Police Department annual operating budget nor is there a required match.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

A first quarter budget amendment will establish special program G2106, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant 2021, and recognize a budget increase of \$26,882 to account for grant expenditures.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A