

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2012

SUBJECT: NC Governor's Highway Safety Grant Funding for Year III

PRESENTER: Sergeant Jason A. Brown, HCSO

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution form and copy of Grant Application

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests a resolution in reference to the third year of funding for our Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Personnel Grant. The grant total for year three is \$128,282.00, with the county agreeing to be responsible for half the total at \$65,041.00. The Sheriff's portion will be paid through already budgeted funds. This is the final year of funding for this grant.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of grant funding for year three through the attached resolution.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the board allow for the Sheriff's Office to enter into the third and final year of contractual agreement with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program under the existing NCGHSP personnel grant. The Sheriff Office would be permitted to utilize allocated funding to match the federal portion of the grant for a total of \$65,041.00.

**North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION
Form GHSP-02-A**

(To be completed, attached to and become part of Form GHSP-02, Traffic Safety Project Contract.)

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office _____ (herein called the "Agency")
(The Applicant Agency)

has completed an application contract for traffic safety funding; and that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners _____
(The Governing Body of the Agency)

_____ (herein called the "Governing Body") has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Henderson County Board of Commissioners _____ IN OPEN
(Governing Body)

MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF Hendersonville _____, NORTH CAROLINA,

THIS 2nd__ DAY OF August _____, 20 12__, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Governing Body and the general public; and
2. That Sheriff Charles S. McDonald _____ is authorized to file, on behalf of the Governing
(Name and Title of Representative)
Body, an application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$128,282.00 _____ to be made to the Governing Body to assist in defraying
(Federal Dollar Request)
the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
3. That the Governing Body has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$65,041.00 _____ as
(Local Cash Appropriation)
required by the project contract; and
4. That the Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED in open meeting by _____
(Chairperson/Mayor)

ATTESTED BY _____
(Clerk)

SEAL

DATE _____

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Total Salaries Cost: \$92,908.00

#	Personnel Fringe Benefits	Cost
1	FICA (x2)	\$5,028.00
2	LEORS (x2)	\$4,646.00
3	401K Match (x2)	\$2,000.00
4	Medical Insurance (x2)	\$21,000.00
5	Dental Insurance	\$1,200.00
6	Worker's Compensation	\$1,500.00
7		
8		
9		
10		

Total Fringe Benefits Cost: \$35,374.00

Total Personnel Costs: \$128,282.00

Contractual Services

#	Contractual Service To Be Provided	Cost
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

Total Contractual Services:

Commodities Costs

#	Commodities	Cost
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

12				
Total Commodities Cost:				
Other Direct Costs				
#	Equipment	Quantity	Cap Amount	Cost
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
Total Equipment Cost				
#	Other Items and Equipment Direct Cost	Cost		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
Total Other Items and Equipment Direct Cost:				
#	Travel	Cost		
1	In-State Travel	\$1,800.00		
2	Out-of-State Travel			
Total Travel Cost:				\$1,800.00
Total Other Direct Costs:				\$1,800.00
Indirect Costs				
#	Indirect Costs	Cost		
1				
2				
3				
4				
Total Indirect Costs				
SECTION C - NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT				
Statement of Problem				
<p>According to data from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program, for calendar year 2001, there were 2,150 crashes resulting in fourteen fatalities on the roads of Henderson County. This rate would increase steadily resulting in a high of 21 fatalities and 2,495 crashes in 2005 and 2006 respectively. During this five year period, the county saw an increase in fatalities of 50% and total crashes of 16%.</p> <p>While some increase in these areas can be attributed to population growth, it was determined that concerted traffic enforcement efforts were not being conducted in unincorporated areas of the county at a level to seriously impact these trends. As a result, in 2007 Sheriff Rick Davis took a proactive and aggressive approach to traffic enforcement on the roads of Henderson County, launching a county wide traffic safety campaign through a partnership with the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP).</p>				

These efforts have including partnering with the GHSP to field a full time four officer traffic enforcement team that enforces traffic laws in unincorporated areas of the county, conducts driver license, safety belt and DWI checkpoints and develops and delivers education to community groups and schools concerning traffic safety. The Sheriff's Office has also transitioned to all radar equipped marked vehicles and continues to work toward having in-car cameras in all marked units to better enforce general traffic and DWI laws in the county.

Since the campaign began, data has shown that from 2007 to 2011 traffic crashes have dropped 15%, from 2,495 to 2,099 in Henderson County. Additionally, from 2007 to 2011 alcohol involved crashes have dropped 15%, from 135 to 117 in here in the county. Crashes with injuries have also declined from 1224 in 2005 to 925 in 2011, a decrease of 32%.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office is operating in the second year of a three year traffic safety grant. This grant funds two members of our Traffic Enforcement Team. We are requesting a continuing agreement for FY 2012/2013 to fund our officers as described above. Our continuing goals are listed below.

As part of this application, GHSP requires all law enforcement agencies to enter traffic enforcement citation data for the past three years

Year 2009	Seat Belt Citations	49	DWI Citations	72	Speed Citations	1,047	CPS Citations	1
Year 2010	Seat Belt Citations	32	DWI Citations	72	Speed Citations	1,027	CPS Citations	2
Year 2011	Seat Belt Citations	20	DWI Citations	44	Speed Citations	901	CPS Citations	0

Proposed Solution

Goal #1: Reduce the number of traffic crashes on the roads of Henderson County by 20% from 2099 to 1675, by July 1, 2013.

Objectives: This will be accomplished through an in depth process which will include speed enforcement, aggressive driving enforcement, enforcement of alcohol related incidents and community education.

Goal #2: Continue to strengthen public relations and education throughout Henderson County as both relate to safe driving habits and awareness.

Objectives: This will be accomplished through community educational meetings and town hall events with members of the Henderson County Traffic Team.

Goal #3: Reduce the number of alcohol related traffic crashes on the roads of Henderson County by 20% from 117 to 94 by July 1, 2013.

Objectives: Partner with agencies throughout Henderson County to ensure that educational information is relayed through the community on how to avoid alcohol related crashes. 2) Participate in at least one type of check point each month. 3) Provide each patrol officer with an alco-sensor.

Outlined below are the goals of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Please identify which goal matches that of your highway safety project.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce traffic-related fatalities by 25 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 1,505 to 1,129 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce alcohol-related fatalities by 35 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 445 to 289 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce unrestrained fatalities by 30 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 486 to 340 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce speed-related fatalities by 25 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 543 to 407 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce motorcycle fatalities by 25 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 166 to 124 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to reduce teen driver fatalities by 30 percent from the 2005-2009 average of 255 to 179 by 2015.

The GHSP's goal is to increase seat belt usage rate 2.5 percentage points to 92 percent by 2015.

SECTION D - SCHEDULE OF TASKS BY QUARTERS

List the schedule of tasks by quarters, referring specifically to the objectives listed in the narrative above. Tasks that extend beyond one quarter should specify the elements of the task that are to be performed for the specific quarters.

First Quarter (October, November, December)

- * Click it or Ticket Checkpoint minimum of one per month for a total of three.
- * Two booze it or lose it checkpoints for a total of two.
- * Participate in all applicable Governors Highway Safety program events
- * Conduct one educational seminar at a Henderson County High School.
- * Provide all necessary training for traffic enforcement officers.

- * Purchase all necessary approved equipment for traffic enforcement.
- * Maintain positive-partnering working relationship with surrounding agencies.

Second Quarter (January, February, March)

- * Click it or Ticket Checkpoint minimum of one per month for a total of three.
- * Two booze it or lose it checkpoints for a total of two.
- * Participate in all applicable Governors Highway Safety program events
- * Conduct one educational seminar at a Henderson County High School
- * Provide all necessary training for traffic enforcement officers
- * Maintain positive-partnering working relationship with surrounding agencies

Third Quarter (April, May, June)

- * Click it or Ticket Checkpoint minimum of one per month for a total of three
- * Two booze it or lose it checkpoints for a total of two.
- * Participate in all applicable Governors Highway Safety program events
- * Conduct one educational seminar at a Henderson County High School
- * Provide all necessary training for traffic enforcement officers
- * Provide training through MADD at area high schools for prom/graduations
- * Maintain positive-partnering working relationship with surrounding agencies

Fourth Quarter (July, August, September)

- * Click it or Ticket Checkpoint minimum of one per month for a total of three
- * Two booze it or lose it checkpoints for a total of two.
- * Participate in all applicable Governors Highway Safety program events
- * Conduct educational seminar at a Henderson County High School
- * Provide all necessary training for traffic enforcement officers
- * Maintain positive-partnering working relationship with surrounding agencies

Note:

1. Submitting grant application is not a guarantee of grant being approved.
2. Once form has been submitted, it cannot be changed unless it has a status of "Return".