



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ralph Clark, Interim City Manager
Larry D, James, Sr., Interim Chief of Police

Date: January 20, 2022

Subject: Consideration – Authorize Application to the Governor’s Highway Safety Program Grant for FY2022-2023

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department continues to seek grant funding opportunities for the purpose of enhancing operations and furthering the department’s mission of the pursuit of excellence. The North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) began to accept grant applications for FY2022-2023 beginning January 1, 2022 and will continue through January 30, 2022. These funds provide monies to be used toward the purchase of much needed traffic safety equipment through safety initiatives. This particular funding opportunity would help the Elizabeth City Police Department to purchase an additional portable light tower and two (2) radars. The department plans to use this equipment to assist in our safety initiatives to conduct traffic checkpoints and to help reduce speeding. The Elizabeth City Police Department wishes to receive approval to submit a preliminary application directly to the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program for this funding so that the opportunity to receive grant monies is not missed.

ANALYSIS:

The North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program grant for FY2022-2023 allows for purchase of traffic equipment to be used by law enforcement for safety initiatives. If Elizabeth City Police Department is approved for funding under this equipment grant, the City would be responsible for a 50% match of the cost and the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program would cover the remaining 50%. The Department wishes to submit a grant application for the following traffic equipment:

- One (1) Portable Light Tower totaling \$6,285.00
- Two (2) Radar Kits totaling \$3,895.00

The total grant amount the Department wishes to submit for is \$10,180. Out of this total amount, the City's portion would be \$5,090.00 and the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program would cover a total of \$5,090.00. The budget impact of the 50% match would be incurred in 2022-2023 fiscal budget year.

Award announcements for this grant are not expected until October of 2022.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, approve the Elizabeth City Police Department so to submit a preliminary grant application to the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) for the purchase of the traffic equipment specified above; and that the City appropriate funding to cover the 50% match in the amount of \$5,090 in the 2022-2023 fiscal budget year.