



Legislation Text

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The Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office Subgrant Funding for the City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program and the Gainesville Police Department Distracted Driver Program. (B)

This is a request of the City Commission's approval to accept a grant through the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office.

The Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office is sponsoring the City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program and the Gainesville Police Department Distracted Driver Program. The City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program is an overtime-only for proactive traffic enforcement projects with a focus on motorcycle and scooter infractions. The grant also funds a minimum of nine (9), six hour Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques (SMART) courses to train civilian riders in real world scenarios. The Gainesville Police Department Distracted Driver Program is an overtime-only for proactive traffic enforcement projects with a focus on reducing distracted driving behaviors.

Both grants are overtime-only education and proactive traffic enforcement projects with funding provided by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The amount requested through the grant application is as follows:

Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program \$60,000

GPD Distracted Driver Program \$90,000

GPD Occupant Protection Enforcement Program \$20,000 (Denied)

Total requested from the Florida Department of Transportation \$170,000

	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Amount Funded Forfeiture	Total Available Funding
Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education \$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	
Distracted Driver Program	\$ 90,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Occupant Protection Enforcement Program \$20,000	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	
Total requested from FDOT	\$ 170,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 70,000

The total grant awarded to the City is \$65,000

The original amount requested for the GPD Distracted Driver Program was \$90,000 however FDOT only awarded \$5,000. Chief Jones stated that he will dedicate an additional \$5,000 of forfeiture funds to the GPD Distracted Driver Program for a total of \$10,000.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to accept, and execute the grant award subject to approval by

the City Attorney as to form and legality and approve the expenditure as outlined in the approved grant awards.

The City Commission could decide to not accept the grants, if that is the case, the programs would not be implemented. Both programs are conducted on overtime basis, and both grants reimburse GPD for OT costs incurred, if we do not accept the grants, no OT would be worked as the programs would not be implemented.