



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, the City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program, the City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program and the City of Gainesville Distracted Driver Program. (B)

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

The Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office is sponsoring the City of the City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program, the City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program, the City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program and the City of Gainesville Distracted Driver Program.

The City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project with a focus on motorcycle and scooter infractions. The grant also funds a minimum of four (4), six hour Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques (SMART) courses to train civilian riders in real world scenarios. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

The City of Gainesville Distracted Driver Program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project with a focus on reducing distracted driving behaviors. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

The City of Gainesville Safe Gator program is a proactive traffic enforcement and education project targeting DUI related and aggressive driving behaviors. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

The City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program is a proactive traffic enforcement project with a focus on seat belt and child safety seat infractions and education. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities within the city.

All grants are overtime-only education and proactive traffic enforcement projects with funding provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. The overall goal of all of the grants is a reduction of crashes and crash related fatalities through education and enforcement. These programs are in line with the City of Gainesville's Vision Zero Program.

Strategic Connection

This item is connected to Goal 5: Best in Class Neighbor Services and community engagement program enhancements which is a high priority.

The amount requested though the grant application is as follows:

The City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program \$65,000

The City of Gainesville Distracted Driver Program \$30,000

The City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program \$70,500

The City of Gainesville Occupant Protection Program \$30,000

Total FDOT grant funds awarded \$195,500

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to accept the Florida Department of Transportation grant funding of the above listed traffic safety-related initiatives.