



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to ratify the submission of multiple grant applications to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grants will provide funding for overtime and additional equipment. Discussion and Action.

The City of Maricopa has applied for, and been awarded, grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety since 2007. The fiscal year 2017 Highway Safety Plan will specifically target the following areas and proposals addressing these areas' given priority:

- Accident Investigation
- Impaired Driving
- Emergency Medical Services
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Police Traffic Services/ Speed Control
- Roadway Safety/Traffic Records
- Motorcycle Safety

Federal funds allocated to finance state and local government highway safety projects are intended to supplement, not supplant ongoing or local program expenditures. Projects should be designed to eliminate a deficiency in an applicant agency's program or to expand an existing program. Projects under the Highway Safety Act are funded through grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The City of Maricopa Police Department will be applying for funding under the following programs in an amount of \$187,627:

Impaired Driving:

Grant Amount: \$83,174

Overtime - The funding in the category is comprised mainly of overtime funding. This funding will allow the Maricopa Police Department to assign officers to work DUI Task Force events in overtime status. Overtime under this category would also be utilized for activities with the Maricopa, Ak-Chin, Stanfield, Hidden Valley Substance Abuse Coalition, Be Awesome Coalition as well as providing educational instruction on the dangers of driving while under the influence. Also included in this category is the addition of an SUV dedicated to DUI Enforcement.

Police Traffic Services/Speed Control:

Grant Amount: \$54,178

Overtime - The overtime funding would allow the City to fund speed enforcement details which may target aggressive driving and red-light running. These details allow the Maricopa Police Department to concentrate speed enforcement effort to various areas notorious for speeding violations. In addition to overtime, the Maricopa Police Department is requesting additional equipment for enforcement efforts of four (4) radars and installation into the vehicles for standardized use. Lastly, under this category a motorcycle will be requested for enforcement.

Occupant Protection:

Grant Amount: \$8,365

Occupant protection grants provide programs to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries by increasing the usage of

seat belts and child safety seats. Funding under this category is for overtime funding to assist with the implementation car seat events and car safety seats. Additionally through this category the police department will seek additional child seat training to its staff to ensure compliance with Federal requirements of the grant program.

Accident Investigation:

Grant Amount: \$34,355

Under this category the Maricopa Police Department will be requesting advanced accident reconstruction training using the currently owned Total Station, software for accident investigations and overtime/backfill for the training.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:

Grant Amount: \$7,555

GOHS grantees conduct traffic safety programs including bicycle rodeo for schools and community groups in effort to increase awareness among various age groups. Maricopa Police Department is seeking funds for overtime to host bicycle rodeo events, helmets and other safety related.

These projects will benefit the residents of Maricopa, Pinal County and the State of Arizona by having safer streets on which to travel.

This item will be presented by TJ Hansell, Grants Coordinator.

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council hear and possibly take action to ratify the submission of a multiple grant applications to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grants will provide funding for overtime and additional equipment. Discussion and Action.