

**Item Title:** Authorize the Wake County Sheriff's Office to Apply for the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners sign the attached Resolution which authorizes the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to continue the FY2024 application process for funding in the amount of \$250,322.00, starting in October 2024, from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The WCSO is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize WCSO to submit the Resolution for the grant application for the North Carolina's Governor's Highway Safety Program (NC GHSP).

**Background:** WCSO has submitted a third-year grant application in the amount of \$250,322.00, which represents the final approval and funding to be used for the traffic safety and enforcement regulations in Wake County.

The Crash Reduction Unit (CRU) within the WCSO will use the awarded funds to combat the horrific problem of the high fatality crash rate in Wake County. CRU provides traffic safety, enforcement, education, and other crash-reduction efforts to keep the citizens and people safe in Wake County. CRU will continue to target and reduce the number of aggressive and distracted drivers by enforcing traffic laws related to drivers who are speeding, not using seatbelts, and high occurrences of young driver accidents.

The allocation for these funds will be used as follows: salary and fringe benefits for three (3.0) Full Time Equivalencies (FTE) CRU Deputy Sheriff positions; travel expenses funding to attend in-state and out-of-state traffic safety conferences; and the purchase of other direct traffic-related supplies. The total project cost of \$250,322.00 will enable the WCSO to accomplish its NC GHSP grant initiative.

**Board Goal:** This action supports routine County business.

**Fiscal Impact:** If awarded the requested amount, the WCSO will pay the 50% match share of the project, in the amount of \$125,161.00, out of funds that have already been approved and appropriated in the Wake County budget. The remaining \$125,161.00 will be funded through the Governor's Highway Safety Grant.

**Additional Information:**

The GHSP grant is a three year initiative for the reduction of traffic crash fatalities in Wake County. Wake County is ranked amongst the highest in traffic crash fatalities. The grant funded three (3) FTE (Deputy's) to be dedicated to this reduction. The below chart shows the funded amounts over the three year period.

<b>Grant Year</b>	<b>Federal Share</b>	<b>Federal Amount</b>	<b>Wake County Share</b>	<b>Wake County Amount</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
Year 1 (FY22)	85%	\$304,266	15%	\$53,694	\$357,960
Year 2 (FY23)	70%	\$152,619	30%	\$65,408	\$218,027
Year 3 (FY24)	50%	\$125,161	50%	\$125,161	\$250,322

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution