

**Item Title:** Approves a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to file an Application for \$169,110 in Federal Grant Dollars from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves the attached resolution which authorizes the County Manager to file an application for \$169,110 in Federal Grant Dollars from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program.**

**Item Summary:**

Under the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) DWI Grant, the Wake County Sheriff's Office has, since January, 2014 been participating in DWI Check Points, Seat Belt Check Points, actively arresting DWI offenders, and participating in trainings. The final year's funding \$338,220 including a \$169,110 local contribution was approved as part of the FY 2017 Adopted Budget. The second year of the grant includes \$100,211 in grant funding for the five (5.0 FTE) deputy sheriff positions (four deputies and one sergeant).

The purpose of this grant is to create a team of officers dedicated solely to enforcing Driving While Impaired (DWI) laws. In cooperation with the GHSP, the Sheriff's Office determined that DWI citation in the unincorporated areas of the County could be improved if a team of officers were dedicated to this effort. It is the goal of all these GHSP programs to reduce the number of accidents caused by impaired drivers and to improve the overall safety for the general motoring public on County main and secondary roads. This has resulted in over 2,000 traffic stops for the DWI Task Force, 187 seat belt check points, and 185 DWI check points during FY 2016.

Once again, the Wake County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Raleigh, Garner, and Cary police departments who have similar funded teams to develop a unified effort in this regard. This is the final year of grant funding.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution