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**Chief of Police**



**Key West**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**RE:** Authorize the Key West Police Department to accept FDOT HVE High Visibility Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Funding via a contract administered by the University of North Florida Training and Services Institute, Inc., d/b/a Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) in the amount of \$16,643.73.

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**Action Statement:**

This resolution is to authorize the Key West Police Department to accept FDOT HVE High Visibility Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Funding via a contract administered by the University of North Florida Training and Services Institute, Inc., d/b/a Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) in the amount of \$16,643.73.

**Background:**

The Florida Department of Transportation, through a grant with the University of North Florida Training and Services Institute, Inc., d/b/a Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) is partnering with law enforcement to support ongoing efforts to educate and enforce safe pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver behaviors in priority counties in Florida. Crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of crashes, and the financial impacts and suffering caused by these crashes are significant.

The Department previously accepted funding under this program in 2016 then administered by the University of South Florida Center for Urban Research.

**Purpose and Justification:**

The purpose of this funding is to implement effective community level high visibility enforcement and education operations at the six crosswalks along N. Roosevelt Blvd which have been the scene of numerous



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accidents with injuries and one fatality. Pedestrians and bicyclists are more vulnerable than all other road users. Traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of traffic crashes. According to the 2019 Highway Safety Matrix: Ranking of Florida Cities for the period 2012-2016, the City of Key West is ranked #4 for Bicycle injury and fatal crashes and Pedestrian injury and fatal crashes. (see attached).

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact and there are no matching funds required. The funds will be added to revenue account #001-0000 3312000.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Key West Police Department to accept the FDOT HVE funding and amend the budget in the amount of \$16,643.73.



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