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Chief of Police



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TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

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

DATE: September 25th, 2018

RE: Authorize the Key West Police Department to apply and accept a Highway Traffic Safety grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Traffic Safety Office.

Action Statement:

This resolution is to authorize the Key West Police Department to apply and accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Transportation, Highway Traffic Safety Office in the amount of \$50,000 and amend FY 2018/2019 police general fund budget to reflect an increase of revenue and expenditure of \$50,000.

Background:

The Florida Department of Transportation Highway Traffic Safety Office (FDOT) funds sub-grants that address traffic safety priority areas that include Motorcycle/Scooter safety, Impaired Driving, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, Police Traffic Services and Community Traffic Safety to local agencies aimed at reducing safety deficiencies or ongoing traffic safety problems. The City of Key West has received several FDOT Safety Grants in past years to address these traffic issues. This grant is a continuation of a 2017-18 FDOT Safety grant awarded for the same purpose and in the same amount.

In February of this year the Key West Police Department submitted a concept paper to the FDOT Safety Office requesting funding for a Highway Traffic Safety Grant in the program areas of Motorcycle/Scooter Safety. The Key West Police Department was notified in August of 2018 that it had been selected to receive grant funding in the FY2018-19 Highway Safety Plan to specifically target Motorcycle/Scooter safety to reduce the number of these crashes in our city. The application and acceptance of this grant is to increase traffic safety in Key West by using saturation enforcement patrols and a motorcycle/scooter driver education campaign. The FDOT Traffic Safety Office expects the funds to become available after the start of fiscal year 18/19.

Purpose and Justification:

According to the 2012-2016 Highway Safety Matrix: Ranking of Florida Cities, the City of Key West is ranked #1 for Motorcycle/Scooter related injury and fatal crashes in small cities within the State of Florida (Group 2). Monroe County also ranks #1 in this category. This high ranking demonstrates the ongoing need for and



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substantiates the City's application for and acceptance of the 2018/2019 FDOT State Safety Office, Highway Safety Grant Program.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact and there are no matching funds required.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Key West Police Department to apply for and accept the FDOT Traffic Safety Grant and amend the budget in the amount of \$50,000 when awarded and accepted.



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