

**Donald J. Lee, Jr.**

**Chief of Police**



**Key West**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

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

**DATE:** September 25, 2017

**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 2017/2018 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.

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 and Speed/Aggressive Driving. The Key West Police Department was notified in August of 2017 that it had been selected to receive grant funding in the FY2017-18 Highway Safety Plan to specifically target Motorcycle/Scooter safety to reduce the number of these crashes in our city. 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 17/18.

**Purpose and Justification:**

According to the 2011-2015 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



**RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE**

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111  
www.keywestcity.com



**Donald J. Lee, Jr.**

**Chief of Police**



**Key West**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

substantiates the City's application for and acceptance of the 2017/2018 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.



**RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE**

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111  
[www.keywestcity.com](http://www.keywestcity.com)

