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TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

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

DATE: January 16, 2015

RE: Authorize the Key West Police Department to apply and accept the continuation of a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Office

Action Statement:

This resolution is to authorize the Key West Police Department to apply and accept the continuation of a grant award from the Florida Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Office in the amount of \$80,000.00 and amend FY 2014/2015 police general fund budget to reflect an increase of revenue and expenditure of \$80,000.00

Background:

The Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office (FDOT) funds sub-grants that address traffic safety priority areas that include 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.

In March of 2013 the Key West Police Department submitted a Highway Safety Concept Paper for an enforcement and education program aimed at reducing the overall number of Bicycle, Pedestrian, and DUI crashes for the grant period October 1, 2013 to September 30th, 2014. The Key West Police Department was selected to receive grant funding in FY13/14. On August 1st of this year the department received notification that the agency was selected to receive additional funding for FY14/15 to continue our Traffic Services Campaign. This will be the fourth consecutive Traffic Safety Grant awarded to the department. Upon submittal of this application, the acceptance of this grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 is to increase traffic safety in Key West by continuing to use saturation enforcement patrols and a public education campaign. The FDOT Traffic Safety Office expects the funds to become available in the next 30 days.

Purpose and Justification:

According to the 2008-2012 Highway Safety Matrix: Ranking of Florida Cities, the City of Key West is ranked #1 for Bicycle injury and fatal crashes, #1 for Pedestrian injury and fatal crashes, and #1 for Alcohol related injury and fatal crashes and #4 for all type injury and fatal crashes among small cities within the State of Florida



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(Group 2). This high ranking in these areas demonstrates the ongoing need for, and substantiates the City's application for the 2014/2015 FDOT State Safety Office, Highway Safety Grant Program.

Options:

One option is to apply for and accept the FDOT Traffic Safety Grant to fund additional enforcement and education efforts in our city.

Another option is to forgo the application and acceptance of this grant resulting in a loss of traffic safety enforcement and education options to address ongoing traffic safety issues in our city.

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 \$80,000.00 when awarded and accepted.



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