# Sean T. Brandenburg

### Chief of Police



# Key West POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO:

Ms. Patti McLauchlin

**FROM:** Chief Sean T. Brandenburg

**DATE:** November 23, 2022

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 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

### **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 \$75,000 and amend FY 2022/2023 police general fund budget to reflect an increase of revenue and expenditure of \$75,000.

# 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 2021-22 FDOT Safety grant awarded for the same purpose and in the same amount.

The Key West Police Department has submitted project plan paperwork 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 that it had been selected to receive grant funding in the FY2022-23 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 execution of the agreement.



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# Purpose and Justification:

According to FDOTs FY2022 Highway Safety Matrix ranking Florida cities in crashes with serious injury and/or fatalities, the City of Key West is ranked #5 for Motorcycle/Scooter related crashes. Monroe County is ranked #1 for Motorcycle/Scooter related crashes. This high ranking demonstrates the ongoing need for and substantiates the City's application for and acceptance of the 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 \$75,000 when awarded and accepted.



