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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council

FROM: David W. St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DST*

DATE: October 22, 2015

SUBJECT: 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program.

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Police Department to apply for and accept funding from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for the "FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

The projected cost of this program will not exceed \$61,700. The State portion is 75%, or \$46,275, while the City is responsible for 25% of the cost, or \$15,425. These funds are available in the Police Department FY 15/16 budget.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

DST/sk

cc: Chief A. Baker

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2015

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, has made available Federal funding for the 2016 Comprehensive Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS, the total project amount is not to exceed \$61,700, with a State commitment of 75%, or \$46,275 and the required 25% City match of \$15,425; and

WHEREAS, the project period is November 2015 through September 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Chief Alan D. Baker, as his designee, is hereby authorized to accept these grant funds and sign all contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.



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October 13, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **State of Connecticut – Department of Transportation
FY 2015 – 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant**

This Department requests that the Common Council act on and approve the attached State of Connecticut DOT Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant, in that the City agrees to share its contribution responsibility (25% = \$15,425.00) of the total \$61,700.00.

Attached is supporting documentation from Sgt. Rory DeRocco, Traffic Unit Supervisor, explaining this grant in greater detail.

Alan D. Baker
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl
Attach.

Cc: Sgt. DeRocco

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To: Chief Alan Baker
From: Sgt. Rory DeRocco
Subject: State of CT- DOT DUI Funding 2015-2016

I am requesting that your office and the City Council act on and approve application to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program grant. This grant has been offered to the Police Department to aid in the identification and apprehension of alcohol and drug impaired drivers within our City limits.

As we anticipate a start date during the Thanksgiving holiday season, I am requesting placement on the November 2015 City Council agenda.

The requested total costs of the program will be 61,700.00. If approved by the DOT, they will fund 75%, or \$46,275.00, making the City's responsibility 25% of the program costs, or \$15,425.00.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,


Sgt. Rory DeRocco

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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Municipal Police Department	City of Danbury

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Alcohol-related driving fatalities decreased slightly in the later part of the 1990s, fluctuating through 2002, and had a generally decreasing trend since 2002.

The year 2009 had the lowest number of alcohol-related driving fatalities (112) with the year 2011 showing the second lowest number (121). Alcohol-related driving fatalities increased to 138 in 2012.

The number of statewide DUI arrests has decreased from 11,069 in 2012 to 10,338 in 2014.

63% of DUI crashes occur during the weekend days of Friday through Sunday.

71% of fatality injured drinking drivers with a BAC equal to or above .01 occurred during the hours of 8 PM to 6 AM

The average BAC of those arrested for DUI increased slightly from 0.164 in 2011 to 0.173 in 2012.

NOTE: For DUI Patrol activities, the number of enforcement officers allowed per vehicle at any one time is one per vehicle, however, core enforcement hours may be split by more than one officer. All officers who will be assigned to DUI activities have to be updated in the most current version of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).

NOTE: The operation of this Traffic Enforcement Program shall be above and beyond the normal/special patrol activities scheduled during the program parameters.

OBJECTIVES

To reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility DUI enforcement activities. Communicate with the public, through media venues, the increased levels of DUI enforcement activities so drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and therefore deter that behavior.

ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES

This program is being offered on an expanded year-round basis and is in line with the goals and objectives as highlighted in the Connecticut Highway Safety Plan for FY 2016. Funding will be used to address various circumstances in which increased drinking and driving within the municipality is anticipated to take place. In the course of discussions with police agencies, it is evident that the incidence of impaired driving increases at certain times of the year in addition to holiday periods; for example, shoreline communities which have an increase in population during the summer months. Events such as summer festivals, country fairs, music concerts, sporting events, etc, all represent potential for a higher incidence of impaired driving.

Enforcement techniques employed should include extra DUI patrol activities, and may include DUI Sobriety checkpoints. A checkpoint is defined as, an operation not to exceed eight officers, including a supervisor, conducted at a fixed location, which lasts no more than eight hours where operators are stopped and interviewed to determine if the operator is impaired. Roaming or saturation patrols will not be conducted or reported as checkpoints.