Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000047 recognizing $25,000 in grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

Background/Justification

The Governor's Highway Safety Program helps fund efforts of law enforcement agencies to reduce traffic crashes in North Carolina. In terms of traffic related outcomes, Durham County is ranked within North Carolina in the following categories;

- 12th Highest In Overall Fatalities
- 7th Highest In Alcohol Fatalities
- 12th Highest in Unrestrained Fatalities
- 10th Highest In Speed Related Fatalities

For these reasons, and the initiative that Durham County Sheriff's Office has shown while participating in the GHSP, the initial application phase was approved by GHSP on July 8, 2020. The following goals have been identified for this program;

- Reduce the number of traffic fatalities in Durham County by 25% from the 2014-2018 average of 27 fatalities per year to less than 21 fatalities during FY 2020-2021.
- To reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes by 10% from the 2014-2018 average of 283 crashes per year to less than 255 crashes from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.
- To reduce the number of speed related crashes by 15% from the 2014-2018 average of 547.8 crashes per year to less than 465 crashes from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Policy Impact

The policy impact is related to the stated goals above in an effort to reduce traffic accidents in Durham County.

Procurement Background

Procurement will occur after grant acceptance. Funds are available from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Fiscal Impact

These are reimbursement funds and no local match is required.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000047 recognizing $25,000 in grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.