

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Robert D. Spoden
INITIATED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Captain Gary L. Groelle
DRAFTED BY

April 13, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
2017 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT GRANTS**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, makes
2 Federal Highway Safety funds available to local law enforcement agencies for various traffic safety
3 programs; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, these funds are earmarked to allow law enforcement agencies to provide additional traffic
6 enforcement patrols directed at improving traffic safety by OWI Enforcement, Speed Enforcement and
7 Seatbelt Enforcement, thus reducing hazardous motorist behavior on roadways with a high incidence of
8 injury or fatal accidents; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive grant money from three different
11 grants for a total of \$180,000 to participate in these programs; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, grant funds in the amount of \$180,000 will be used for overtime wages and related
14 benefits; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, these grants require a local match of 25%; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the match may be an in-kind match or a hard match.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
21 this 11th day of May 2017, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under
22 the Highway Safety Project Grants; and,
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2017 budget be amended as follows:
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Account Description <u>Account Number</u>	Budget at <u>04/01/17</u>	Amount <u>Incr (Decr)</u>	Amended <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
Federal Aid			
21-2120-2017-42100	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Overtime Wages			
21-2120-2017-61210	\$0	\$130,000	\$130,000
Aid to Localities			
21-2120-2017-69501	\$0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

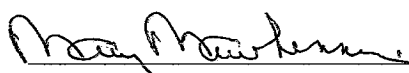


Mary Beaver, Chair

Reviewed and approved on a vote
of 5-0




Henry Brill, Vice Chair



Mary Mawhinney, Chair



Terry Fell



Brian Knudson



Phil Owens

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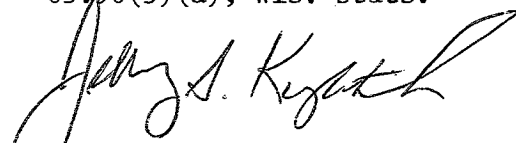
This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$180,000 in Federal Aid for the Sheriff's Highway Safety Program. Sufficient funding is included in the Sheriff's 2017 budget for the required 25% match.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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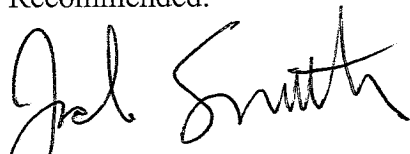
The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2017 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Authorizing Acceptance of
2017 Highway Safety Project Grants**

Alcohol-Impaired Driving: In Wisconsin during 2015, alcohol was listed as a contributing factor in 3.9% of all crashes. Thirty-one percent of all vehicle crash fatalities in 2015 were alcohol-related, resulting in 165 deaths. Alcohol-impaired driving is associated with other high-risk behaviors that increase the likelihood of a crash and of significant injury or death occurring, these include driving while intoxicated; speeding and failure to wear safety belts.

The Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) continues to make motor vehicle crash reduction a priority in Wisconsin, especially where specific events with high participant levels are expected. There is an ongoing need for (HVE) high visibility law enforcement to increase the perception of law enforcement's presence, with everyone's safety being of primary concern. Traffic laws will be enforced in and around the cities, towns and general locations where traffic crashes are high.

The 2017 Highway Safety Grants are all Task Force Grants. All law enforcement agencies within Rock County are open to participate in them. The Rock County Sheriff's Office will administer the Seatbelt Grant. Beloit Police Department will administer the OWI Grant and the Janesville Police Department will administer the Speed Grant. There is no equipment component associated with these grants. .

Together, grant funds in the amount of approximately \$180,000 will be used for wages and related benefits. The local match will be \$45,000.