



Legislation Text

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Adopt a Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Governor’s Highway Safety Program.

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Overview: On January 31, 2020 staff submitted a preliminary application for the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) grant program for Fiscal Year 2021. Council must adopt a resolution to finalize the application and accept federal funding from the grant program. If received, the grant funds would pay a part-time GIS/Complete Streets Specialist, create an inter-agency and inter-disciplinary Pedestrian Safety Task Force, and contribute to Chapel Hill Police Department crosswalk enforcement efforts.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council adopt the resolution approving the grant application to the Governor’s Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$67,000.

Key Issues:

- From 2014 to 2019, the Town experienced a total of 139 pedestrian crashes.
- Crash clusters occurred within the downtown area and along high-speed corridors.
- Staff completed a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan in spring 2019, which aims to create a safe, connected, and accessible community.
- GHSP funds will build off the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and enhance pedestrian safety efforts.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: If awarded the \$67,000 grant, the Town will be able to fund personnel costs, operating costs, and other direct costs. The personnel costs would cover the part-time GIS/Complete Street Specialist position and overtime hours for off-duty officers for one year. Operating costs would cover expenses for outreach campaigns, community stakeholder events and supplies. Other direct costs would cover in-state travel. There is no local match for the grant.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
- GHSP Grant Application

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM (2020-09-09/R-4)

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill Planning Department (herein called the "Agency") has completed an application contract for pedestrian safety funding; and that the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill (herein called the "Governing Body") has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that:

1. The project referenced above is in the best interest of the Governing Body and the general public; and
2. The Town Manager is authorized to file, on behalf of the Governing Body, an application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$67,000 to be made to the Governing Body to fund the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
3. The Governing Body has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$0 as required by the project contract; and
4. The Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
5. Certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This the 9th day of September, 2020.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council approves the grant application to the Governor's Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$67,000.