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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 03/17/2016
TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DW*
RE: **RESOLUTION – DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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 through its "Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE)" program.

This funding will be used in the Police Department's continued efforts of distracted driving enforcement activities in April 2016 and August 2016.

The total cost of this program will not exceed \$66,200, with the State covering 75%, or \$49,650. The City is responsible for 25% of the total cost, or \$16,550 with these funds available in the Police Department's operating 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. 2016

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety has notified the City of Danbury Police Department of a funding opportunity through its "Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement" (DDHVE) program;

WHEREAS, this funding will aid the Danbury Police Department in texting/distracted driving enforcement activities;

WHEREAS, the City intends to request a total project amount not to exceed \$66,200, with a 75% State commitment of \$49,650 and a required 25% City match of \$16,550;

WHEREAS, the activity for this enforcement will be in April 2016 and August 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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March 10, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **State of Connecticut – Department of Transportation
FY 2016 Distracted Driving High Visibility Program Grant**

This Department requests that the City Council act on and approve the attached State of Connecticut DOT Distracted Driving High Visibility Program Grant, in that the City agrees to share its contribution responsibility (25% = \$16,550.00) of the total \$66,200.00.

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 Distracted Driving High Visibility Program

I, am requesting that your office and the City Council act on and approve application to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for April 4th through April 29th 2016 and August 3rd through August 16th 2016, State of CT- DOT Distracted Driving High Visibility Program grant. This grant has been offered to the Police Department to aid in the identification and enforcement of operator's texting while driving within our City limits.

As we anticipate a start date to be April 4th through April 29th 2016, then August 3rd through August 16th 2016 I am requesting placement on the April 2016 City Council agenda.

The funding required by the City would be 25% of the cost per Officer the State will pay 75%. allotted manpower.

Officers = 4 per day

Total Cost= \$65,300.00 *x 1.29% workers comp = 66,142 ROUNDS UP*

City Of Danbury Cost = \$16,325 Maximum

State Of Connecticut Cost = \$48,975.00 Preapproval from DOT

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

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Distracted Driving Prevention

Connecticut law prohibits the use of any hand-held mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.*

Drivers who are 16 or 17 years of age are prohibited from using a cell phone or mobile device at any time – even with a hands-free accessory.

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity a person engages in while operating a motor vehicle. There are three types of distractions:

- Visual - taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual - taking your hands off the wheel; and
- Cognitive - taking your attention away from driving.

*with certain emergency and emergency personnel exceptions



[DDHVE Reimbursement Package](#)

Public Outreach and Education

[Link to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle](#)

[Link to Distraction.gov](#)

[Link to NHTSA - www.nhtsa.gov](#)

[Link to Reference Series: Transportation in Connecticut Article No. 13c](#)

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