

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Approval of grants

DATE: October 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

STATUS REPORT

~~ANNUAL-~~

OTHER

~~CAPITAL-~~

PRESENTED BY: Sheriff Joey Terrell

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: October 21, 2024

PURPOSE: To request Commission approval of 2 (Two) Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grants

1. GA-2025-Habersham County Sheriff's Office-00112 (HEAT Grant)
 2. TEN-2025-Habersham County Sheriff's Office-00018 (Traffic Enforcement Network Grant)
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BACKGROUND / HISTORY: The Sheriff's Office is asking for commission approval of the HEAT Grant and Traffic Enforcement Network Grant. Both grants are funded at 100% on a monthly reimbursement schedule. Habersham County Sheriff's Office has received the HEAT grant in the past and this is a renewal of that grant at 100%. The HEAT grant will fund the salary of 2 employees, which will increase to 3 employees in November (We have received additional funding that will be awarded in November) The initial HEAT grant is for \$261,820, which includes 2 salaries, 2 patrol vehicles, 2 in car cameras with body cameras, 2 radars, 2 lidars, 2 alco sensors, vehicle fuel, vehicle maintenance and training/travel expenses related to grant. (This grant will increase by \$52,380 in November to include additional funding for a third employee and their training/travel expenses. The total for this grant will then increase to \$314,200. The purpose of the Traffic Enforcement Network Grant is to fund additional expenses to the Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network. Habersham County Sheriff's Office is one of 40 law enforcement agencies in the Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network, covering all of Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, White, Forsyth, Hall, Banks, Franklin and Hart counties. There are 16 Traffic Enforcement Networks in the state that are funded by this grant through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Sheriff-Elect Krockum has served as the coordinator for this network for the past 10 years. This grant includes supplements for employee salaries, meeting expenses, and training/travel for two employees of the Sheriffs Office to serve as Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of this network. The total for this grant will be \$33,058.64

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. Habersham County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval of HEAT grant and Traffic Enforcement Network Grant.
 - b. The Sheriff's Office has had the HEAT grant in the past and had to be out of the grant for the last year to receive the grant again at 100% funding.
 - c. The Sheriff's Office is requesting to use existing employees to fill the 3 positions in the grant instead of hiring new employees.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve HEAT Grant and Traffic Enforcement Network Grant
 - 2) Deny approval of Heat grant and Traffic Enforcement Network Grant
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3) Commission defined alternative

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Move to approve HEAT grant and Traffic Enforcement Network Grant

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Director: _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager
