

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Ratify the Montana Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Traffic Safety (STEP OT) Grant Application

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Ratify the Montana Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Traffic Safety (STEP OT) Grant Application.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

BACKGROUND: The State Highway Traffic Safety Grant is an annual grant opportunity for Law Enforcement Agencies to apply to Montana Department of Transportation for traffic safety purposes. As a part of this grant program, there are three required mobilization periods -winter holiday season, Memorial Day, and Labor Day and two other high risk state/local events that Law Enforcement Agencies can choose. The goal and purpose of the program is to collaborate with the State of Montana to accomplish MDT's Vision Zero program. The Vision Zero program works to achieve zero fatalities on Montana roads. The City of Bozeman's goal is to reduce and mitigate intoxicated drivers and seatbelt safety violations within our jurisdiction. In addition to the three required mobilization periods, Bozeman PD has elected summer as a local high visibility time and fall/winter as a local high visibility time. The grant amount is \$10,000 and there is no match requirement.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As identified by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$10,000 for the grant. Expenditures will be made in the general fund Public Safety division and may require a future budget amendment.

Attachments:

[FFY2026_STEP_OT_Routing_Form_Application_.pdf](#)

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