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**2017 RES-314**

**AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FUNDING FOR A SEATBELT  
ENFORCEMENT PROJECT**

The Department of Transportation (DOT), Bureau of Transportation Safety, State of Wisconsin, is making funds available for the Sheriff's Office to participation in a highway safety program aimed at increasing enforcement of motor vehicle seatbelt use in Dane County; Grant Number FG-2018-DANE CO-04092, funding is available October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Grant funding will provide for an enforcement effort to encourage seatbelt use.

Wisconsin traffic deaths increased by nearly 6% in 2016; according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation there was a total 588 traffic fatalities, 33 more than 2015 and 40 more than the five-year average. Safety belt use in Wisconsin is at an all-time high, 88% of drivers and passengers are buckling up however, the state still lags behind the national average of 89%, and neighboring states to Wisconsin have safety belt use rates of more than 90%. Consistent safety belt use by all vehicle occupants including those in rear seats is the single most effective way to protect against being ejected from a vehicle or being thrown around violently inside a vehicle during a crash. A sustained high-visibility seatbelt enforcement effort is a proven effective countermeasure in changing driver behavior and increasing seatbelt use. Increasing seatbelt use will save lives, prevent injuries on Dane County roadways, and positively impact health and safety of citizens in the community.

Total grant award for seatbelt enforcement is \$159,936. The Sheriff's Office will administer the grant; the Madison Police Department will receive \$79,968 and the Sheriff's Office will receive \$79,968 for seatbelt enforcement efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to accept \$159,936 from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, for the Seatbelt Enforcement Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$159,936 is appropriated as additional revenue in the Sheriff's Office, Field Services Rural Safety Belt Grant revenue account (SHRFFLD 80718) and is credited to the General Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$159,936 is transferred from the General Fund to the following accounts:

Overtime-Safety Belt (SHRFFLD - 10061)	\$65,300
Retirement Fund (SHRFFLD - 10099)	\$8,300
Social Security (SHRFFLD - 10108)	\$5,000
Workers Compensation (SHRFFLD - 10189)	\$2,368
Seatbelt Enforcement POS (SHRFFLD - 30272)	\$79,968
Total	\$159,936

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all unexpended funds and unrecognized revenues from the above referenced account lines are carried forward from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget period.