

2025 RES-185

**AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FUNDING FOR A SEAT BELT
ENFORCEMENT PROJECT**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), Bureau of Transportation Safety, is providing grant funding to the Sheriff's Office for a highway safety program aimed at promoting traffic safety, including vehicle occupant restraint, impaired driving, speed enforcement, and inattentive driving, in Dane County; Grant Number SBE-2026-DANE CO SO-00222, funding is available October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. This project is a collaborative effort with the Madison Police Department and the Sheriff's Office to promote traffic safety in the community with an emphasis on seat belt enforcement.

Consistent seat belt use by all vehicle occupants including those in rear seats is the single most effective way to protect against ejection from a vehicle during a crash. A sustained high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort is a proven effective countermeasure in changing driver behavior and increasing seat belt use. Increasing seat belt 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 the seat belt enforcement project is \$118,000. The Sheriff's Office will administer the grant, Madison Police Department will receive \$59,000 and the Sheriff's Office will receive \$59,000 for enforcement efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to accept \$118,000 from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, for the Seatbelt Enforcement Project and the Dane County Executive is authorized to execute the necessary documents for the grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$118,000 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 \$118,000 is transferred from the General Fund to the following accounts:

Overtime-Safety Belt (SHRFFLD - 10061)	\$47,100
Retirement Fund (SHRFFLD - 10099)	\$7,200
Social Security (SHRFFLD - 10108)	\$3,600
Workers Compensation (SHRFFLD - 10189)	\$1,100
Seat Belt Enforcement POS (SHRFFLD - 30272)	\$59,000
Total	\$118,000

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all unexpended funds and unrecognized revenues from the above referenced account lines are carried forward from the 2025 budget to the 2026 budget period.