

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR TO SIGN THE
NEBRASKA OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE
SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit has been awarded to Sarpy County; and,

WHEREAS, the grant contract award must be submitted to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that that the Board Chairperson is hereby authorized to sign the attached grant award contract for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2009.

MOVED by Rich Gansen, seconded by Rusty Hike, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
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NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Attest:

SEAL



Approved as to form:

County Clerk

County Attorney

GRANT CONTRACT AWARD

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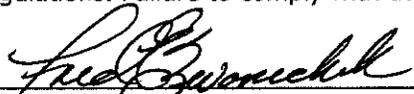
Contractor: Sarpy County Sheriff's Department	Contract Number: 10-7	Award Date: October 1, 2009
Contract Title: Sarpy County Traffic Unit	Contract Amount: \$384,504.00	

FEDERAL SHARE	STATE/LOCAL SHARE	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	% OF LOCAL BENEFIT
\$384,504.00	\$125,770.00	\$510,274.00	100%
Percent of Reimbursement		100%	

This Grant Contract Award is subject to the provisions in the "Grant Contract Proposal Application Guide" established by the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS). If applicable, this award may be subject to special conditions.

The grant contract period will be from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for federal Fiscal Year 2010. The contract will become effective on the above-stated date, provided the NOHS has received the signed Grant Contract Award from the Contractor. After the remaining signatures have been obtained, a copy of the Grant Contract Award will be provided to the Contractor.

Acceptance of Conditions: The Grant Contract Award recipient agrees to all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in termination of this Grant Contract Award.



 Signature of Administrator or Governor's Representative



 Signature of Project Director

Fred E Zwonechek, Administrator

 Typed Name of Official and Title

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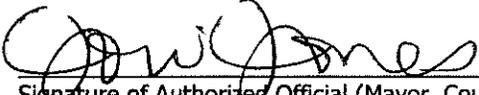
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Rolly Yost, Captain

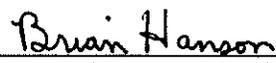
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 Date



 Signature of Authorized Official (Mayor, County Board Chairman, State Department Head, etc.)



 Signature of Financial Official (County Treasurer, City Clerk, City Finance Department, etc.)

Joni Jones, County Board Chair

 Typed Name and Title

8-11-09

 Date

Brian Hanson, Fiscal Administrator

 Typed Name and Title

8-11-09

 Date

SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT

SUMMARY

Sarpy County is requesting funds to implement a multi-jurisdiction Traffic Unit. The overall goal of this project is to decrease the total number of Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Sarpy County (including Bellevue) from 350 to 263 in CY2010. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Bellevue from 10 to 30 CY2010. Finally, the goal of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Sarpy County (minus Bellevue) from 209 to 157 in CY2010.

The Traffic Unit will bring together two law enforcement agencies in an effort to increase selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where problems have been identified by crash data, citizens, or law enforcement without decreasing uniformed patrol levels. In addition to regular traffic enforcement activities, the Unit will be available for increased enforcement during public events, school events, and other identified occasions where the potential for fatal and injurious crashes is high.

Increasing the current level of selective traffic enforcement will benefit the community by reducing the number of fatal and injurious crashes and enhancing public safety. By dedicating a team strictly to selective traffic enforcement, other patrol personnel are able to concentrate on alternate areas of enforcement. Finally, with the implementation of the Traffic Unit, each agency's selective traffic enforcement overtime costs will be decreased.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, headed by Sheriff Jeff Davis, is located in Papillion, Nebraska. The Office employs 128 sworn personnel and 107 civilian positions. The organization of the department is comprised of the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, who is next in the chain of command, followed by Division Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, and Deputies. Civilian staff are assigned to the various areas of the department's divisions and units. The civilian staff includes booking clerks, vehicle inspectors, court security entry officers, jail nurses, juvenile center staff, support staff, tow lot operators, evidence and property technicians and technical support. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department staff are assigned in an organizational structure which includes the Road Patrol, Jail, Investigative, Support Services and Administrative Divisions.

The Bellevue Police Department employs 93 sworn officers and 20 civilians to serve a population of approximately 54,000 citizens. They are a full service police organization made up of four bureaus and six patrol districts. Part of their mission is to work with the community to prevent problems or to solve them before they negatively impact a person's quality of life. With this in mind, the Bellevue Police Department is constantly striving to provide the most efficient police services possible.

The Traffic Unit is a new team consisting of law enforcement professionals from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and the Bellevue Police Department. The Unit will be comprised of a Sarpy County Sergeant, a Sarpy County deputy, and two Bellevue police officers.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

From 2005-2007, the County has had 1,048 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes. An additional 1,395 C type injury crashes have occurred during the same time period. Despite law enforcement traffic safety efforts, between 2006 and 2007 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 18% in Sarpy County. County law enforcement agencies have determined there is a lack of personnel and time to dedicate to the type of intensive traffic enforcement that will result in lower rates of crashes. Current selective traffic enforcement is restricted to uniform patrol efforts which limits extensive concentrated service in areas and situations where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes are likely.

The target population for this project is all drivers operating motor vehicles in Sarpy County. The Traffic Unit will serve a population of approximately 146,756 people and 251 square miles which includes the cities of Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, and the rural areas of Sarpy County.

GOAL

The overall goal of this project is to decrease the total number of Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Sarpy County (including Bellevue) from 350 to 263 in CY2010. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Bellevue from 10 to 30 CY2010. Finally, the goal of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Sarpy County (minus Bellevue) from 209 to 157 in CY2010.

OBJECTIVES

Through agency collaboration and increased selective enforcement, the Traffic Unit will:

1. Increase public awareness of the factors that contribute to fatal, A, and B type injury crashes by 50% from 12 public presentations to 18 during the project period.
2. Increase deputy/officer presence in high volume traffic areas during rush hour traffic by 50% from 4 hours per day to 6 hours per day.
3. Increase traffic control at special events by 75% from 20 hours per event to 35 hours per event.
4. Increase traffic control in school zones by 50% from 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week.
5. Increase deputy/officer presence in areas that have been identified as problematic by crash data, citizens, or law enforcement by 40% from 2 hours per day to 2.8 hours per day.

- Increase the number of traffic safety presentations to schools by 100% from 0 per year to 40 per year.

STRATEGIES

- Hire new sworn personnel. Completion date: October 2009
- Provide public information and education regarding the Traffic Unit. Ongoing throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2010.
- Purchase new vehicles. Completion date: January 2010.
- Organize the new Sarpy County Traffic Unit. Completion date: October 2009
- Engage in aggressive selective traffic enforcement. Ongoing throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2010.
- Gather statistics throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2010.
- Analyze project period statistics to determine project success and inform future planning. Completion date: November 15, 2010.

EVALUATION

The Traffic Unit will conduct an evaluation at the end of the project period to measure initial project success. Crash data from the project period will be compared with data from the previous year to determine the decreases in fatal and both A and B type injury crashes. This information will help inform future projects and strategies.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Federal Funds	Grant Contractor Funds
Personal Services	\$285,510	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0
Commodities	\$98,994	\$0
Other Direct Costs	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$384,504	\$0

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Personal Services – \$285,510 - Salary and benefits for one sergeant, one deputy, and two police officers for one year.

- \$285,510 – Four (4) law enforcement professionals.

- Sarpy County Sheriff's Office one (1) sergeant and one (1) deputy: \$185,886
- Bellevue Police Department two (2) police officers: \$98,940

Commodities – \$98,994 - Four (4) new law enforcement vehicles:

- \$98,994 - Four (4) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Cruisers to be purchased off State contract.
 - Sarpy County Sheriff: $\$27,776 \times 2 = \$55,552$
 - Bellevue Police Department: $\$21,721 \times 2 = \$43,442$

COST ASSUMPTION

The Traffic Unit will continue to function indefinitely. Funding secured through this proposal will enable the Unit to purchase vehicles and equipment that will be used on a long term basis. The grant will also allow each participating law enforcement agency to hire personnel for the Unit. Future personnel costs will be assumed by each agency; however, the Unit will continue to work with the Sarpy County Grant Coordinator to obtain grant funding for subsequent years following the completion of the 2009-2010 project period.

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Carrie Davis-Sedlacek

Re: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Traffic Unit Grant Contract Award

On August 11, 2009, the County Board will be asked to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant contract award.

The grant will provide funding for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) to collaborate with the Bellevue Police Department to create the Traffic Unit. The grant application requested \$513,417 to purchase 4 new cruisers and hire 4 new sworn personnel; two cruisers for the SCSO, one cruiser for each municipal police department, one officer each for Papillion Police and Bellevue Police, and a new deputy and new sergeant for the SCSO. Personnel costs include salary and benefits for one year. However, the Papillion Police Department has chosen not to participate in the project. Therefore, the Bellevue Police Department will be participating with two new officers and two new cruisers funded by the grant.

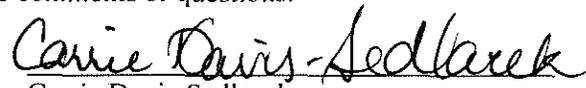
The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety has approved \$387,647 for the project to include \$285,510 for personnel costs and \$102,137 for cruisers. The Office did not authorize \$125,770 that was requested for cruiser equipment. This amount will be the responsibility of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and the Bellevue Police Department.

There will be a possibility of applying for a continuation grant next year at 75% of the initial personnel request. Additionally, I have identified potential sources of grant funds for some of the equipment costs that were not approved by the Office of Highway Safety. I will be bringing those before the Board for permission to write in the near future.

A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be in attendance to answer programmatic questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions.

August 7, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Davis-Sedlacek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Carrie Davis-Sedlacek
593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Scott Bovick
Sheriff Davis
Chief Deputy Jones
Captain Yost
Deb Houghtaling