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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION AND AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NEBRASKA OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION 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 is available to Sarpy County; and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that submission of the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant is hereby approved; and

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

DATED this 18th day of May, 2010.

MOVED by Rich Jansen, seconded by Pat Thomas, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
	none	none
		ABSTAIN:
		none

Attest:

SEAL

DEBRA J. HOUGHTALING, COUNTY CLERK SEAL SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

County Clerk

Approved as to form:

County Attorney

2010-2011 TRAFFIC UNIT GRANT

BUDGET

BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Total Costs	Federal Funds 75%	Sarpy County Funds	City of Bellevue Funds
Personnel Costs	$378,117	$283,588	$47,478	$47,051
Contractual Services	$0	$0	$0	$0
Commodities	$0	$0	$0	$0
Other Direct Costs	$0	$0	$0	$0
Indirect Costs	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$378,117**	**$283,588**	**$47,478**	**$47,051**

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Personnel Costs – Salary and benefits for one sergeant, one deputy, and two Bellevue officers. As a requirement of the grant, the second year is funded by the grantor at 75% and the applicant is required to fund 25%.

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Signature: Joni Jones
Date: May 18, 2010

Nebraska Office of Highway Safety

Grant Contract Proposal Cover

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Federal Identification No. (FID):	47-600-6504

Project Title:	Sarpy County Traffic Unit
Grant Contract Period:	October 2010 - September 2011

Signature of Authorized Official	Joni Jones, County Board Chairperson *Typed Name and Title*	05/18/2010 *Date*
Brian Hanson *Signature of Financial Officer*	Brian Hanson, Fiscal Administrator *Typed Name and Title*	05/14/2010 *Date*

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SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT

SUMMARY

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the reduction of fatal and injurious crashes in the County. Sarpy County fully supports the Traffic Unit and is requesting funds to continue the dual agency Sarpy County Traffic Unit. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of fatal, A, and B type injury crashes in Sarpy County (including Bellevue) by 20%, from 308 to 246 during the project period. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Bellevue from 30 to 22 CY2010.

The Traffic Unit brings 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 is available for increased enforcement during public events, school events, and other identified occasions where the potential for fatal and injurious crashes is high. The total cost of the project is $378,117, with $283,588 funded by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) and $94,529 funded by the agencies.

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

During the first seven months of the Traffic Unit, four (4) new law enforcement professionals were hired strictly for traffic enforcement and uniform patrols in those areas where there was a noted higher probability of fatal and injurious crashes. In addition, four (4) new law enforcement vehicles were purchased through Traffic Unit grant funding. Between the four months of January 2010 and April 2010, the Traffic Unit issued a total of 1,250 moving and non-moving citations and 539 warnings. In the seven months from October 2009 through April 2010, the Traffic Unit conducted eleven (11) public safety presentations, patrolled 426.87 hours in high volume areas during rush hour, 217.72 hours in school zones and 878.67 hours in identified problem areas. The Traffic Unit also held traffic safety presentations at local high-schools on the topics of drinking and driving, seat-belt use, texting while driving and a mock accident presentation.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, headed by Sheriff Jeff Davis, is located in Papillion, Nebraska. 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 101 sworn officers, 20 full-time civilians and 9 part-time civilians to serve a population of approximately 54,000 citizens. They are a full service police organization made up of four bureaus and seven 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 is mind, the Bellevue Police Department is constantly striving to provide the most efficient police services possible.

The Traffic Unit is a dual-jurisdictional team consisting of law enforcement professionals from two agencies which consists of a Sarpy County Sergeant, a Sarpy County deputy, and two Bellevue police officers.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

In the time period of 2006-2008, prior to the implementation of the Traffic Unit, the County had 1,050 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes. An additional 1,428 C type injury crashes 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% and between 2006 and 2008 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 13% in Sarpy County. County law enforcement agencies have determined there was a lack of personnel and time to dedicate to the type of intensive traffic enforcement that would result in lower rates of crashes. Additionally, selective traffic enforcement was restricted to uniform patrol efforts which limited extensive concentrated service in areas and situations where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes were likely.

With the addition of four new personnel dedicated strictly to traffic enforcement, uniform patrols have increased in those areas where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes was likely. As a result of this increase in traffic enforcement, the Traffic Unit is having a direct impact on lowering the rate of crashes throughout the County. Based on data from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, from 2008 to 2009 the number of fatal crashes in Sarpy County decreased 50% from eight (8) to four (4) and the number of A and B type injury crashes has decreased 12% from 346 in 2008 to 304 in 2009.

The target population for this project is all drivers operating motor vehicles in Sarpy County. The Traffic Unit serves a population of approximately 156,696 people and 251 square miles which includes the cities of Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, and the rural areas of Sarpy County.

GOAL

The goal of this project is to reduce the number of fatal and both A and B type injury crashes in Sarpy County by an additional 20%, from 308 to 246 during the project period. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the Fatal, A, and B crashes by 25% in Bellevue from 30 to 22 CY2010.

OBJECTIVES

Through dual 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% over 2009.
2. Increase deputy/officer presence in high volume traffic areas during rush hour traffic by 50% over 2009.
3. Increase traffic control at special events by 50% over CY 2009.
4. Increase traffic control in school zones an additional 40% from 11 hours/week to 15.5 hours/week when schools are in session.
5. Increase deputy/officer presence in areas that have been identified as problematic by crash data, citizens, or law enforcement an additional 10% over CY 2009 from 2.8 hours/day to 3.1 hours/day.
6. Increase the number of traffic safety presentations to schools by an additional 50% over CY2009.

STRATEGIES

1. Provide personnel funding to maintain (4) law enforcement officers hired for the Traffic Unit. Ongoing throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2011.

2. Engage in aggressive selective traffic enforcement. Ongoing throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2011.

3. Provide public information and education on the factors that contribute to fatal and injurious crashes; explain prevention methods. Ongoing throughout the project period. Completion Date: September 2011.

4. Organize and conduct traffic safety presentations at area high schools. Ongoing throughout project period. Completion Date: September 2011

5. Gather statistics throughout the project period. Completion date: September 2011.

6. Analyze project period statistics to determine project success and inform future planning. Completion date: November 15, 2011.

EVALUATION

The Traffic Unit will conduct an evaluation at the end of the project period to measure 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

	Total Costs	Federal Funds 75%	Grant Contractor Funds 25%
Personal Services	$378,117	$283,588	$94,529
Contractual Services	$0	$0	$0
Commodities	$0	$0	$0
Other Direct Costs	$0	$0	$0
Indirect Costs	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$378,117**	**$283,588**	**$94,529**

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Personal Services – $ 283,588 - 75% of Salary and benefits for one sergeant, one deputy, and two police officers for one year. The remaining 25% will be assumed by each agency.

- Sarpy County Sheriff's Office – one (1) sergeant and one (1) deputy: $142,434
- Bellevue Police Department – two (2) police officers: $141,154

Total funding from NOHS for the first year of the grant project = $384,504.

Total funding for the second year of the grant project is considered at 75% of first year funding = $288,378.

Sarpy County requests $283,588 to assist in maintaining the four (4) law enforcement officers hired strictly to implement the Sarpy County Traffic Unit.

COST ASSUMPTION

The Traffic Unit will continue to function indefinitely. Funding secured through this proposal will assist each law enforcement agency in maintaining the current level of personnel assigned to 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 2010-2011 project period.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Sarpy County is subject to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1989, Public Law 100-690.

Sarpy County is committed to the policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace. Thus, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance or alcohol by any employee in the workplace is prohibited. (A "controlled substance" within the meaning of this statement means any controlled substance in schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substance Act [21 U.S.C. 812] and as further defined in federal regulations found at {21 CFR 1308.11 thru 1308.15}). Any violation of this prohibition will result in discipline up to and including discharge.

It is not Sarpy County's intent to intrude into the private lives of employees. However, the effect of drug and alcohol abuse on safety, work quality, increased medical expenses and lost productivity requires a drug free workplace policy.

1. Employees who use, attempt to possess or use, manufacture or participate in the transfer, sale, offering or possession of unauthorized alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription drugs, or other *controlled substances while on the job or on county premises (including county parking lots), will be subject to severe disciplinary action which may include discharge.

2. When there is reasonable cause to suspect possession, influence, or use of alcohol or drugs on the job, employees may be required to submit to an alcohol or drug test. Refusal to submit to a search or test will be considered to be insubordination subject to discipline up to and including termination.

3. Employees who report for work or are at work under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or any controlled substance, will be subject to severe disciplinary action up to and including termination.

4. An employee who, under a physician's care, is taking medication, which may affect the employee's ability to work safely, is responsible for informing the supervisor of their condition before beginning work.

5. Employees who are off-duty and have been drinking or are under the influence of drugs, are obligated to refuse any emergency calls.

6. All persons being considered for employment with Sarpy County shall submit to drug testing prior to gaining employment with the County.

Sarpy County will assist an employee in obtaining rehabilitation and assistance when he/she informs the Elected Official/Dept. Head of any drug related problem or disabilities prior to (a) notification of any investigation concerning their conduct; (b) arrest; or (c) discipline for engaging in the conduct described above.

As required by federal law, it is a condition of continued employment that:

1. Any employee who is convicted of any criminal drug statute violation for conduct in the workplace is required to notify the County Attorney of this fact no later than five (5) calendar days after such conviction. (A "conviction" means a finding of guilt - including a plea of "no contest" - of the imposition of a sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility of determining violations of federal or state criminal drug statutes.

2. Each employee abides by the terms of this statement.

Federal law requires that Sarpy County notify the federal government of any convictions in violation of our policy.

Federal law further requires Sarpy County to impose sanctions, which may include discharge for any violation of the provisions of this notice or policy.

Not more than three persons are permitted to ride in the front seat of a vehicle and no one will interfere with the driver's control of that vehicle.

Persons are not permitted to ride on the hood, running board, or fender of any vehicle, nor project any part of their body beyond the sides of the vehicle. No one is permitted to get on or off a vehicle while it is in motion.

A radiator cap shall not be removed from an overheated radiator until the motor has been cooled and the water has ceased boiling.

Vehicle doors shall be kept closed while the unit is in motion and shall not be left open while the vehicle is parked.

No one shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so and it can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic.

Drivers shall not permit vehicles to be loaded beyond the capacity of the unit, nor shall they permit material, equipment, or miscellaneous gear to be loaded upon a running board, fender, hood, or truck box in any manner which would permit any portion thereof to extend beyond the fender line or to extend upwards to heights sufficient to strike overhead wires, garage doors, etc.. or in any way interfere with the vision of the operator.

An employee shall not start the motor on self-propelled equipment unless he is seated in the driver's seat and is certain that the gears are in neutral.

Equipment or tools carried on vehicles, when not used, shall be placed securely in compartments or otherwise fastened.

Do not use cold weather starting fluid. If engine fails to start, call Fleet Services.

All employees shall cooperate with the Building and Grounds Department by moving their personal and County vehicles to alternate parking locations when requested to do so for snow removal purposes. Failure to do so may result in the vehicle being towed away at the employee's expense.

Section 2: Seat Belts

The Sarpy County Board recognizes that the use of seat belts is one means of reducing deaths and personal injury should a vehicle accident occur. In support of vehicle restraints and to promote a safe working environment the County Board has approved the following policy.

All employees who are either passengers or who are operating a motor vehicle or heavy equipment with a rollover protection device (R.O.P.S. Cab) must wear a vehicle restraining device while performing County business. This policy includes personal, leased or rented vehicles which may also be used by employees. Violations of this policy will be considered as a 'failure to obey safety

rules' under Article 1-14, Corrective Action of the Sarpy County Policies and Procedures Manual.

The following are the only exceptions to this policy:

1. Heavy equipment without rollover protection structure (R.O.P. S. Cab)
2. Motor Vehicles without vehicle restraining devices.

Section 3: Motor Vehicle Records Evaluation

Sarpy County, in an effort to reduce its potential liability for motor vehicle accidents involving County employees while on working hours, has written the following policy.

A motor vehicle records (MVR) check for the last three years shall be conducted initially on all County employees that will be driving County owned vehicles or equipment, or personal vehicles used while conducting County business.

An updated MVR check covering the previous three year period will be conducted a minimum of every two years for all employees authorized to drive County owned vehicles or equipment or personal vehicles. This will typically be done at the time the employee takes the defensive driving course, which is every two years.

The following guidelines will be used to determine if a driver is acceptable.

1. Questionable drivers

    a. Two "at fault" accidents in the latest three year period.
    b. Four moving violations in the latest three year period.
    c. One "at fault" accident and three moving violations in the latest three year period.
    d. Any driver who has a past driving record or personal administrative disciplinary actions, regardless of time period, that indicates unsafe or irresponsible driving habits.

2. Unacceptable drivers

    a. Three or more "at fault" accidents in the latest three year period.
    b. Five moving violations in the latest three year period.
    c. Any combination of "at fault" accidents and moving violations totaling five or over.
    d. A DWI/DUI conviction in the latest five-year period when viewed in conjunction with the employee's past driving record or personal administrative disciplinary actions, regardless of time period, that indicates unsafe or irresponsible driving habits. Factors considered when reviewing

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Grant Application for the Traffic Unit

On May 18, 2010, the County Board will be asked to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant application for the Traffic Unit.

The grant will request funding for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and the Bellevue Police Department to continue the Traffic Unit. The grant application requests $283,588 for four (4) sworn officers; two (2) officers for the Bellevue Police Department, and one (1) deputy and one (1) sergeant for the SCSO. Personnel costs will include 75% of salary and benefits for one year.

As a contingency to the first year of the grant, Sarpy County and the City of Bellevue are allowed to request up to 75% of the personnel costs. Sarpy County and the City of Bellevue are required to fund at least 25% of the cost of personnel. A budget is attached to this memo outlining the cost requirements of each agency. A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be in attendance to answer programmatic questions.

The Traffic Unit will focus on selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where issues have been identified.

The grant is due May 31, 2010 and the project period is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. There will be a possibility of applying for a continuation grant next year at 50% of the personnel request.

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

May 14, 2010

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