

CITY OF WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING OF: 2/24/15 CUT OFF DATE: 2/5/15

RESOLUTION XX ORDINANCE \_\_ PUBLIC HEARING \_\_

ITEM TITLE: Resolution to accept funding from the Office of the Attorney General

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests Council to approve this resolution

PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING: N/A

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION: N/A

FUNDING DATA: N/A

INSURANCE:N/A

The initiating Department Director will place below, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>INITIALS FOR APPROVAL</u>	<u>INITIALS FOR DISAPPROVAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1. Finance Director	<i>JS</i>		1-28-15
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5. City Attorney	<i>[Signature]</i>		2/3/2015
6. City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>		4/20/2015
7. Clerk of Council			

Initiating Department Director's Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 1/27/15



APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
*[Signature]* 2/3/2015  
 CITY ATTORNEY

# CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMO

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Chief Kevin L. Sanzenbacher   
**Date:** 1/26/15  
**Re:** Grant Acceptance

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**THE ISSUE:** In November the police department became aware of a grant opportunity, through the Office of the Attorney General, to apply for money that had been made available through a settlement between the Federal Government, the Commonwealth and Abbott Laboratories that brought \$33 million to the state to be used by public safety. We applied for that grant in November of 2014, and have been told that at least \$117,414 of that request may be granted to the City in the near future. The Winchester Police Department is requesting the Common Council grant the authority to accept this funding.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:** Develop a high performing organization.

**BACKGROUND:** At the time the WPD became aware that funding was available through the Office of the Attorney General we filed an application for \$152,614 to purchase supplies and equipment, pay for overtime and fund a number of community activities. This application has been reviewed and the Office of the Attorney General has responded that we have made the first review and may be awarded up to \$117,414 of the original request. They asked that we exclude several items that were not felt to be consistent with the guidelines for the grant and update our application. We have accomplished this and are waiting to hear the final result.

If approved the funds would be allocated as follows:

Promote Relationships with Minority Youth	\$21,162
Transportation Van	\$35,000
Counselor for the Timbrook House	\$10,400
Law Enforcement Equipment	<u>\$50,852</u>
Total	\$117,414

See the attached table for full description

**BUDGET IMPACT:** This will have a significant positive impact on future budgets as \$44,132 requested for Tasers has been identified as a significant need in the FY 16 fiscal year request being currently reviewed. The other items will not result in any additional cost to the City as once the funding is diminished the function can cease. Also, although the van will be an addition to the fleet, we see this as a cost saving as it will be used to consolidate trips that now require several trips.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The WPD requests that the Common Council accept the awarding of these funds if the final application is approved.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ACCEPT  
FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winchester is committed to protecting the lives and property of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council recognizes the importance to public safety for the police department to have the best training and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council recognizes the importance for the police department to interact with youth in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has applied to the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth for money to help fund these needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winchester's primary concern is the protection of life and property for the citizens and employees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Winchester, Virginia hereby authorizes the City to proceed in accepting this grant, if awarded, in the amount of up to \$117,414 and authorizes the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to execute acceptance of this grant.

Item Description, Cost Basis, Justification	Requested FUNDS	
		Total
<b>ITEM:</b>		
<p><b>#1 Promote Relationships with Minority Youth</b></p>		
<p>The funds requested would enhance the effort to have officers to work with minority youth in the community. Money provided would be used to:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rent recreational facilities in the area for youth related activity @ \$ 200 per evening one evening a week for 52 weeks- this will promote the relationship between minority youth and the police.</li> </ul>	\$10,400	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide overtime for officers to act as coaches/mentors during this activity; @ \$35w/FICA per hour/2 officers/3hours per night for 52 weeks- the WPD does not have adequate staff to take on this important function without overtime. This funding will allow us to use street officer, the people interacting with kids daily in the centers</li> </ul>	\$10,062	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote a WPD minority recruitment effort with brochures and handouts \$700. The WPD needs to be more reflective of the community to effectively police it. We hope to expand on the number of minority candidates seeking positions as police officers.</li> </ul>	\$700	\$21,162
<p><b>#2 Transportation Van</b></p>		
<p>12 Passenger Van used to transport young people on the field trips and various recreational venues. This would also be used to transport officers and staff to large events.</p>	\$35,000	\$35,000
<p><b>#3Timbrook Youth Reporting Center</b></p>		
<p>In order to meet the stated goals of the Timbrook Youth Reporting Center, of improving students GPAs, improving school attendance and reducing recidivism rates the program needs to provide additional counseling services. We believe by focusing efforts on a handful of identified troubled youth, who have already had multiple contacts with courts and police. we can make have long-term impact on crime in the city. This program</p>	\$10,400	\$10,400

<p>has already made great strides in reducing recidivism rates, improving school attendance and improving academic performance. The funds requested would be used to employ a contractual counseling service. The purpose of this service would be to assess each child that enters the program and develop a plan to assist this child deal with the multitude of issues they are confronted with. These issues include familial drug/alcohol involvement, teen pregnancy, poor academic performance and poor decision making skills. The rate would be \$25 per hour/2 hours per night/4 nights per week.</p> <p><b>#4 Law Enforcement Training Equipment</b>  The WPD has been very involved with preparing our officers for active shooter training. We have just completed 2 weeks of hands-on, in-school drills. These drills would be enhanced in the future if officers were equipped with simulated munitions in order to make the training more realistic and help better prepare officers for real life situations.</p> <p>We would also like to fully equip our patrol force with Tasers. This will require purchasing an additional 34 units at \$1,298 per unit</p>	<p></p> <p>\$6,720</p> <p>\$44,132</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>\$50,852</p>
<p><b>Grand Total:</b></p>	<p></p>	<p>\$117,414</p>