

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from the Department of Transportation Alcohol Safety Program

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- I. **Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Adoption of a resolution to formally accept grant funding to fund ongoing programs to combat Driving Under the Influence and other alcohol abuse issues.
- II. **Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Transportation, requires the Board of Commissioners to accept the grant funds by resolution.
- III. **Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):** The Lower Merion Police Department has been accepting this grant funding since October of 2000 and the program has been successful in promoting highway safety and the reduction of DUI related traffic crashes.
- IV. **Other Relevant Background Information:** This grant will fund the following programs: Roving DUI Patrols, Sobriety Checkpoints, the Cops in Shops Program and DUI Awareness Programs between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2020. The grant funding is provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation through funding from the Federal Highway Safety Administration.
- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** The Township has qualified for funding in the amount of \$49,973 requiring no matching funds. The funds will be utilized to equip and conduct various DUI related programs.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the adoption of this resolution.