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Resolution/Ordinance Cover Memo

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Subject/Title: 2026 Towards Zero Death (TZD) grant and partner agreement

Submitted By: Kerry Cronin-Jones

Recommendation: Approve

Previous Council Action: This is an annual grant that was last approved by council on September 23, 2024

Background: Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team members are DPD, Floodwood Police Department, Hermantown Police Department, Proctor Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, St. Louis County Dispatch, and UMD Police Department. This team has been receiving TZD grant funds for more than 15 years, and the City of Duluth acts as the fiscal agent. Each year DPD applies for, and has been lucky enough to receive, grant funds to reimburse officer overtime expense incurred to run traffic safety enforcement waves. These structured waves are run in the same way throughout the state and are set by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety. Enforcement waves focus on DWI, seat belt usage, speed, and distracted driving.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: This grant reimburses officer overtime and fringe at 100%. The staff impact to administer this grant is minimal.

Options: If not approved, these additional enforcement waves will not be run; this will have a negative impact on community safety and we will likely see an increase in traffic accidents and fatalities.

Necessary Action: Please approve.

Attachments: 2026 TZD Grant Agreement, Partner Agreement, and Enforcement Calendar



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