Council Request Update

May 10, 2018

Council Request: 18-041
Requested by: Council Member Barrentine
Request: Request for information concerning a change in the grant process with CDOT. Why did they change their process?
Assigned to: Police Department
Response: Please see the response from Commander Tim Englert.
To: Chief John Collins  
From: Commander Tim Englert  
Date: May 7, 2018  
Re: Follow-up to Council Request # 18-041

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Assigned to: Commander Englert  
Date assigned April 19, 2018

Follow-up information requested regarding the change in grant process with CDOT. Why did they change their process?

Toni Arnoldy, who serves as the Community Relations Specialist with the Englewood Police Department, was notified on April 16, 2018 that the due date for grants was now April 20, 2018. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced at a training that Ms. Arnoldy had recently attended in March 2018, that LEAF funding for the enforcement of impaired driving had been discontinued. Subsequently, 2019 would most likely be the final year for the High Visibility Impaired Driving Grant. CDOT representatives stated that the processes would be changing but did not provide specifics. Ms. Arnoldy spoke with a representative of CDOT in early April and was told that CDOT would be asking that all law enforcement agencies now apply for funding through the larger year-round grant process. The previous mini-grant fund process is to be reserved for non-law enforcement agencies. The advantage to law enforcement being that agencies can apply for equipment as well as salary reimbursement. CDOT felt that this change would streamline the process and reduce the number of grants that have to be written, approved, tracked and reimbursed by all parties involved.