

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Brian Curran, Chief of Police  
Chris Blue, Assistant Chief of Police  
Kenneth C. Pennoyer, Business Management Director

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2009-2010 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Funds

DATE: November 23, 2009

### **PURPOSE**

The attached resolution would authorize the acceptance of FY2009-2010 U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods grant funds in the amount of \$60,869 to continue the Police Department's efforts to address violent crime and repeat offenders.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In October 2009, the Department of Justice notified the Police Department that the Department's request for funds had been approved in the amount of \$60,869. These funds would be used to support the Police Department's efforts to continue the Project Safe Orange program for Orange County. The initiative will also include areas within the city limits of Chapel Hill located in Durham County.

Project Safe Orange involves law enforcement partnerships on the local, state and federal levels to identify repeat offenders and offer opportunities to help them become productive members of the community. The program brings the local faith community, residents, schools, social service and law enforcement agencies and other prominent community members together to relay strict no-tolerance-of-crime messages, and to offer job skills, housing and employment opportunities to repeat offenders. The Department of Justice funds would be used to continue the funding for the resource coordinator who manages program activities for the local agencies involved in the program.

Orange County is the eighth site to partner in the Middle District of North Carolina, U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. The PSN national network is designed to reduce gun and gang related violence through prosecution, prevention, and intervention efforts. It is headed by the United States Attorney's Office of the Middle District of NC.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant funds, and that the Council enacts the attached budget ordinance amendment appropriating the PSN grant funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Award (p. 5).