

## STAFF REPORT

---

To: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe  
City Council Members  
City Manager Scot Wrighton  
From: Chief James E. Getz  
Subject: Grant Agreement

---

### BRIEFING ITEM

---

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve by resolution a grant agreement between the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and the City of Decatur for an amount of \$500,000 to support the salary and benefits cost for a full time DUI Enforcement officer for four years beginning January 1, 2020.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

DUI incidents are problematic in keeping the streets and highways safe for citizens to travel. The Decatur Police Department takes Driving Under the Influence very seriously as proof of finishing in the top 5 of DUI arrest in the State for the past several years. The use of recreational cannabis will be legal on January 1, 2020 in the State of Illinois. The Decatur Police Department believes there will be more Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis after January 1, 2020. Thus, there we be a need for more direct and dedicated enforcement towards Driving Under the Influence.

The Howard G. Buffett foundation has offered a Grant of \$500,000 to help combat the likely increase in DUI drivers. The Grant is for a total of \$500,000 to be used solely on the salary and benefit expenses of one Officer for a total of four years beginning on January 1, 2020. The Officer must commit 100 percent of his time to DUI enforcement. The goal of the Officer assigned to this position is to increase the local detection and enforcement of impaired drivers. The Officer shall not be used to supplement regularly budgeted staffing or supplant a DPD staff position. At the conclusion of this grant or the removal of this position by the Decatur Police Department, any unexpended funds must be returned to the HGB Foundation.

It is recommended for the increased safety of the citizens traveling the City Streets the Council approve this Grant Agreement.