



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Title: Grant Proposal to Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Youth Bicycle Safety Helmets

Introduction/Background:

Pima County is submitting a proposal to fund youth bicycle safety helmets through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. This funding, if approved, will complement Pima County's bicycle safety educational services provided to schools throughout Pima County.

Discussion:

If approved, the funding will be sufficient to purchase 4,400 bicycle helmets that will be fitted to youth who partake in the Pima County school bicycle safety program. A recent study published in 2017 found that bicycle helmet use reduces serious and severe facial and skull/brain injuries in children by 75 percent.

Conclusion:

If approved, the funding proposal for youth bicycle safety helmets will purchase 4,400 helmets to be fitted to youth throughout Pima County. The County currently works with over 40 elementary and middle schools and with several summer bike camps and provides a comprehensive bicycle safety education curriculum for the participants. The helmets provide a substantial safety benefit and also meet Pima County law which requires that youth wear helmets.

Recommendation:

Pima County staff recommend that a proposal for \$29,040 be submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of 4,400 youth bicycle safety helmets.

Fiscal Impact:

If approved, Pima County will be awarded \$29,040 in GOHS funding to be used for the purchase of 4,400 youth bicycle safety helmets. There is no local match requirement.

Board of Supervisor District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

Department: Transportation

Telephone: (520) 724-2371

Department Director Signature/Date:

3/15/17

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date:

3/15/17

County Administrator Signature/Date:

3/16/17

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF A YOUTH BICYCLE
HELMET GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
HIGHWAY SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is seeking proposals from state and local agencies for projects relating to all aspects of highway safety, and

WHEREAS, Pima County, through the Department of Transportation, has submitted a project proposal for youth bicycle safety helmets to be considered for funding in the form of a reimbursable grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and

WHEREAS, Pima County is dedicated to improving safety and access for youth bicyclists through engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program has a robust comprehensive bicycle safety education program for elementary and middle school students, working primarily with disadvantaged youth in low-income neighborhoods and in thirteen school districts in tribal lands, incorporated areas, and unincorporated Pima County, and

WHEREAS, funding for additional youth bicycle helmets would enhance existing efforts, enabling the County to promote expanded bicycle safety education to several new schools throughout our region, and

WHEREAS, Pima County law requires that youth under the age of 18 must wear a bicycle helmet, and

WHEREAS, each year, a number of youth bicycle riders are involved in a crash or collision and only an estimated 45 percent are wearing a helmet, and

WHEREAS, a recent study published in February, 2017 found that bicycle helmet use reduces serious and severe facial and skull/brain injuries in children by 75 percent.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, that:

SECTION 1. Pima County shall support the grant application process through the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the implementation of initiatives that result if the requested funding is awarded to Pima County. This youth bicycle helmet distribution program will complement longstanding efforts to protect children on roadways and pathways and encourage safety through education.

SECTION 2. The Chair may execute any subsequent documents necessary to effect acceptance of the grant, if awarded.

SECTION 3. Pima County staff are hereby authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney
ANDREW FLAGG

REVIEWED BY:

Director of Transportation