GOODHUE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Requested Board Date:	November17, 2026	**Staff Lead:**	Maggie Cichosz
Consent Agenda:	☒ Yes ☐ No	**Attachments:**	☒ Yes ☐ No
Action Requested:	Authorize execution of 2027 Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) Safe Roads grant agreement		

BACKGROUND:

On October 28, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded Goodhue County Health and Human Services a Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) Safe Roads grant for the period from November 9, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

The purpose of the TZD Safe Roads grant is to continue coalition work toward the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Minnesota's roads. Research shows that education, media campaigns, or public information efforts on their own are not effective in changing traffic safety behaviors. To be effective, these initiatives must be paired with a larger activity, such as enhanced enforcement. The perception of a high likelihood of receiving a citation for violating traffic laws has a strong impact on driver and passenger behaviors. The TZD Safe Roads grant program uses a data-driven, interdisciplinary approach, integrating education with enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical and trauma services (the "4Es").

Goodhue County Health and Human Services has received TZD Safe Roads funds since October 1, 2010. For the year November 9, 2026 to September 30, 2027 the grant will be $34,916.90.

Since the grant year started November 9, the agreement has already been signed. At this time the HHS Department is bringing forward the Department of Public Safety RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT. This assures the governing body supports participating in the proposed project. The resolution authorizes the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Director to sign the grant agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: HHS Department recommends approval of the resolution authorizing execution of agreement, which authorizes the GCHHS Director to sign the 2027 Towards Zero Deaths Safe Roads grant agreement.

Goodhue County Health and Human Services
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

Be it resolved that Goodhue County Health and Human Services enter into a grant
(Name of Your Agency)
agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for traffic safety enforcement

projects during the period from November 9, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Nina Arneson, HHS Director is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments
(Title of Lead Agency Authorized Official)

as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Goodhue County Health and Human
(Name of Lead Agency)
Services and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

I certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Health and Human Services Board
(Executive Body)
of Goodhue County, MN on November 17, 2026.
(Name of Lead) *(Date)*

SIGNED:

(Signature)

Health and Human Services Board Chair

(Title)

November 17, 2026

(Date)