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## **Georgia Governor's Office Awards Over \$450k in Grant Funding to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office**

**Atlanta, GA** – Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat is pleased to announce three grants awarded to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office that will increase community and roadway safety, provide public education, and help provide incarcerated at-risk young adults in the Fulton County Jail with a second chance.

- Governor's Office of Highway Safety  
Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant - ***\$343,111.40***
  - HEAT is a multi-jurisdictional task force specifically designed to combat impaired drivers, one of the leading causes of crashes that result in serious injuries and fatalities on Georgia roads. In addition, HEAT is designed to educate the public and enforce laws related to impaired and aggressive driving. It should be noted this is the first time this grant has been awarded to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office.
  
- Governor's Office of Highway Safety  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Grant - ***\$5,209.42***
  - The Fulton County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Unit will teach the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration Children Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety curriculum to elementary school aged children in Fulton County. Also, a Bike-A-Thon community event will be hosted with partner Atlanta Beltline in the spring of 2024.
  
- Governor's Office  
Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant - ***\$110,000.00***
  - This grant will fund the Credible Messengers program. Credible Messengers will be hired and used in a collaborative effort between FCSO and Fulton County Juvenile Court. This will enable the two agencies to work together to reduce recidivism in Fulton County. The primary purpose of the FCSO re-entry program is to provide support for medium to high-risk incarcerated young adults in the Fulton County Jail who are transitioning back into the community. Credible Messengers selected will be neighborhood community leaders, formally incarcerated individuals, or individuals who were involved in the criminal justice system.

Their role is to connect with young adults and transform their attitudes and behavior as it relates to criminal activity.

“I’d like to thank Governor Kemp and his administration for providing these much-needed funds to help fulfill the mission of the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office,” says Sheriff Labat. “These grants will act as a force-multiplier for our agency as we serve the citizens of Fulton County.”

**ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:** The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff’s Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff’s Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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