



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



October 25, 2022

ITEM TITLE

Grant Award and Appropriation: Accept Grant Funds from California Office of Traffic Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Report Number: 22-0281

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: Police

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution accepting \$510,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety and appropriating \$385,095 to the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

SUMMARY

The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded \$510,000 to the Police Department for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic crashes involving alcohol and other primary collisions factors.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The California Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) mission is to effectively and efficiently administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce traffic deaths, injuries, and economic losses. The Police Department has been awarded various OTS grants, including the Serious Traffic Offenders Program (STOP), Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program, DUI Enforcement Program, and Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), which have enhanced the Traffic Unit by funding new positions, traffic enforcement operations and supplies/equipment used during traffic enforcement operations.

The Police Department has received funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Throughout the one-year grant period (10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023), traffic enforcement operations will be conducted on an overtime basis. Grant-funded operations include DUI/driver license checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols and collaborative DUI enforcement to reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol-involved collisions. Distracted driving operations will focus on drivers using hand-held cell phones and texting. Other traffic enforcement operations include motorcycle safety enforcement operations, along with bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations. Additionally, traffic safety educational presentations will be conducted throughout the grant period, with a goal to reach out to community members, on the topics of distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety, seatbelts and child passenger safety.

Funds provided by this grant will also be utilized for training, checkpoint supplies used during the traffic operations and crash data retrieval software.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the resolution will result in the acceptance of \$510,000 of grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Since the grant period crosses between two fiscal years, \$385,095 will be appropriated to the fiscal year 2022/2023 budget and \$124,905 will be included in the proposed fiscal year 2023/2024 budget. Specifically, for the current year budget, \$374,716 will be appropriated to the personnel category and \$10,379 to the supplies and services category of the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund. The funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety will completely offset the costs of this grant award, resulting in no net fiscal impact.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting these grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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