



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
July 14, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: California Office of Traffic Safety DUI Enforcement Program

Location/Council District: City of Sacramento

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, \$670,500 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); 2) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to establish a grant project for the OTS grant; 3) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to adjust the necessary grant and operating budgets in an amount not to exceed \$670,500; 4) increasing the Sacramento Police Department's Metro Traffic/Air Operations sworn staffing by four Full Time Equivalent (FTE)(three officers and one sergeant); and 5) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into MOUs or agreements with program partners, as needed, to implement the grant-funded DUI Enforcement and Traffic Safety Program.

Contact: Gina Haynes, Lieutenant, 808-0714

Department: Police

Division: Traffic and Air Operations

Department ID: 11001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: In May 2009, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) tentatively awarded the Sacramento Police Department approximately \$670,500 in grant funding to fund a full-time DUI enforcement team in the City of Sacramento for one-year. The goal of our DUI Enforcement Program is to reduce the high number of alcohol-involved fatal and injury collisions in the City of Sacramento by increasing DUI enforcement capabilities. This grant program will fund four full-time sworn positions and includes funds for overtime and traffic safety equipment. The grant objectives include: DUI saturation patrols, traffic safety enforcement, DUI probation searches and compliance checks, and DUI checkpoints.

Policy Considerations: The City of Sacramento has previously accepted grant awards from the OTS to implement Traffic and Pedestrian Safety programs. OTS had provided funding for programs such as the Regional Street Racing Program, School Traffic Safety Liaison Officer, DUI Enforcement, DUI

Checkpoints, DUI Brief Intervention Program and DUI Media Campaign.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This recommendation does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

Sustainability: Not applicable

Other: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, the City of Sacramento has consistently had the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. Alcohol-related collisions, in particular, continue to be tragic. In 2007, the City of Sacramento had the highest rate, statewide, for alcohol-related fatalities and injuries.

The rationale for this OTS program is to increase DUI enforcement and compliance throughout the City of Sacramento. This program will fund a full-time DUI team for Citywide DUI and traffic safety enforcement. Overtime will also be used for DUI enforcement operations to address high accident intersections, DUI driver checkpoints, and DUI collision locations. Duties include writing citations, arresting and processing DUI drivers and conducting DUI saturation patrols.

Financial Considerations: The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded the Sacramento Police Department \$670,500 to implement a one-year DUI Enforcement and Traffic Safety Program. The grant program period is for one-year from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The grant funding will pay for four sworn positions (one sergeant and three officers), overtime and traffic enforcement equipment. These positions will be inactivated if grant funding is not continued after September 30, 2010. Grant-funded overtime for traffic safety operations may be conducted by career and Reserve Police Officers, Community Service Officers, and support personnel. The program does not require matching funds or impact the General Fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (E/SBD) program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gina Haynes, LT.
Gina Haynes, Lieutenant

Approved by: Rick Braziel
Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

[Signature]
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, the City of Sacramento has consistently had the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. Alcohol-related collisions, in particular, continue to be tragic. In 2007, the City of Sacramento had the highest rate, statewide, for alcohol-related fatalities and injuries.

In June 2006, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded the City of Sacramento approximately \$900,000 in grant funding to implement a DUI Enforcement and Compliance Team in the City of Sacramento. The impact of this OTS grant-funded DUI Team was significant. In 2007, the Sacramento Police Department completed 1,703 DUI Misdemeanor arrests and 109 DUI Felony arrests. This DUI arrest total was almost double the 2005 DUI arrest levels. The Police Department went from sixth to second for having the highest DUI arrest rate among the largest cities in California. This grant program ended in September 30, 2008.

In June 2008, the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City of Sacramento \$171,000 to fund overtime for DUI and traffic safety operations. The goal of this grant program is to reduce the high number of alcohol-involved fatal and injury collisions in the City of Sacramento by augmenting DUI surveillance and enforcement activities. The term of this current grant program is from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The objectives of the grant program focus on DUI Saturation Patrols, DUI Checkpoints, DUI Traffic Warrant Services, DUI and Traffic Offender Probation Searches and Compliance, and DUI traffic safety programs.

In January 2009, recognizing the success of the previous DUI team, the Police Department applied for funding to support a full-time DUI team in the City of Sacramento. This grant proposal was approved by the Office of Traffic Safety, and the City received a tentative grant award of \$670,500 to implement the unit. This DUI team, comprised of three officers and one sergeant, will be flexibly staffed to provide maximum DUI enforcement throughout the City of Sacramento. Overtime funding will be used to address high accident intersections, DUI driver checkpoints, and DUI collision locations. Duties include writing citations, arresting and processing DUI drivers and conducting DUI traffic enforcement operations. The goal of the program is to continue to reduce the high rate of alcohol-involved accidents and collisions throughout Sacramento. The term of the program is for one year, October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 14, 2009

**GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS)
DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND

A. In January 2009, the Sacramento Police Department submitted a California Office of Traffic Safety proposal to fund a full-time DUI team for conducting DUI Enforcement and Special Traffic Safety programs. The goal of this program is to increase DUI surveillance and traffic enforcement activities throughout the City of Sacramento to reduce alcohol-related collisions and injuries.

B. In May 2009, the California Office of Traffic Safety tentatively awarded the City of Sacramento approximately \$670,500 in grant funding to implement a DUI Enforcement and Compliance Team in the City of Sacramento for one-year. The term of this one-year grant program is from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to accept California, Office of Traffic Safety funds in the amount of up to \$670,500 including any extensions or amendments thereof, to implement a DUI Enforcement and Traffic Safety grant program in the City of Sacramento.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to establish a grant project for the OTS grant.
- Section 3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to make the necessary grant and operating budget adjustments to implement the \$670,500 OTS grant.
- Section 4. The Sacramento Police Department's Metro Traffic/Air Operations sworn staffing will be increased by four Full Time Equivalent's (FTE) (three officers and one sergeant). These positions will be inactive if grant funding is no longer available.
- Section 5. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to enter into MOUs or agreements with program partners, as needed, to implement the grant-funded DUI Enforcement and Traffic Safety Program.

