



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 9/27/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Grant: California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Report ID: 2012-00748

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to: 1) accept on behalf of the City of Sacramento, \$800,000 in grant funding from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); 2) establish a grant project for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (#G11010500); 3) adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budgets in an amount not to exceed \$800,000; 4) maintain the three (3.0) full-time equivalent (FTE) police officer positions, one (1.0) FTE police sergeant position and one (1.0) FTE program manager position established to implement the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

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Presenter: None

Department: Police

Division: Metro-Traffic/Air Ops

Dept ID: 11001141

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2- Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
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City Treasurer Review

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Rick Braziel - 8/30/2012 4:40:27 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides grant opportunities for local governments to fund traffic safety programs. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12, OTS awarded approximately \$1 million in grants to the City of Sacramento to fund Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement and media programs. These programs are currently in place and will end on September 30, 2012. Grant funding from OTS has had a significant impact upon citywide traffic safety. Although the city of Sacramento still ranks the highest for alcohol-related collisions and injuries, during the last four years, the number of alcohol-involved collisions on city streets has continued to decrease, and the city reduced its total statewide fatal and injury collision ranking from first to second. According to FY2009/10 OTS statewide collision rankings, alcohol-related injury collisions in Sacramento have decreased by 32.5 percent from 2006 levels.

In FY2011/12, the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) applied for and was awarded \$800,000 in OTS competitive grants to implement a grant program known as the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), which focuses on all types of dangerous driving behavior, including DUI offenses. The term of this grant is for one year, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013.

Policy Considerations: The City of Sacramento has previously accepted grant awards from the OTS to implement traffic safety programs. OTS has provided funding for programs such as the DUI Enforcement Team, DUI Checkpoints, DUI Brief Intervention Program, and the Anti-DUI Media Campaign. The acceptance of this funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to increase public safety. In addition, City Council Resolution #2012-185 requires City Council approval to accept grant funding, establish a grant project, and appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials, do not constitute a “project” and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2).

Sustainability Considerations: Not Applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, Sacramento has consistently had the highest rate of fatal and injury

traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. In 2010, Sacramento had the highest rate of occurrence for alcohol-related fatalities and injuries in California based on average population.

In March 2012, the SPD submitted new OTS applications for the upcoming grant fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012. The City's current OTS grant programs will expire on September 30, 2012. Through a competitive statewide grant process, OTS is awarding Sacramento \$800,000 to fund a selective traffic enforcement program. This grant program addresses, in addition to DUI drivers, primary collision factors, such as habitual traffic offenders with suspended licenses, speeding, reckless and distracted drivers. The rationale for this program is to increase traffic enforcement and compliance throughout the city. The new enforcement grant provides funding to continue the existing OTS funded traffic team, comprised of three Police Officer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and one Police Sergeant FTE position. In addition, the OTS grant provides funding to continue one Program Manager FTE position.

Financial Considerations: The SPD recommends City Council approval to accept \$800,000 in grant funding to implement the STEP award which will provide funding to continue the full-time traffic enforcement team in the city of Sacramento. The grant will provide funding to continue the authorization of three Police Officer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and one Police Sergeant FTE position. In addition, the OTS grant will provide funding to continue the authorization of one Program Manager FTE position. The OTS grant program has a term of one year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013. There are no match requirements for the grant and the grant will have no impact on the General Fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The 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.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. In 2011, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded the City of Sacramento approximately \$1 million in grants to fund Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement, media, and traffic safety programs. The current grant programs funded by OTS are set to expire on September 30, 2012.
- B. In 2012, the Sacramento Police Department submitted new grant proposals to the OTS requesting funding for traffic safety enforcement programs. In July 2012, the OTS awarded the City of Sacramento \$800,000 in grant funding for traffic safety enforcement programs and partnerships.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to accept a grant award in the amount of \$800,000, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the California Office of Traffic Safety, including any extensions or amendments thereof.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to establish a grant project for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant (#G11010500).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to make the necessary grant expense and revenue budget adjustments up to \$800,000 to implement the OTS grant.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to maintain the three (3.0) Police Officer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions, one (1.0) Police Sergeant FTE position, and one (1.0) Program Manager FTE position established to implement the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.