

Meeting Date: 9/9/2014

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2014-00662

Title: Grant: California Office of Traffic Safety, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

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, \$165,000 in grant funding from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) including any amendments thereof; 2) establish a grant project for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program (G11012900); 3) adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budgets by \$165,000; and 4) continue the authorization for one full-time equivalent (FTE) Police Officer position.

Contact: Jacqueline Dowden, Police Captain, Metro Division, (916) 808-0701, Police Department

Presenter: None

Department: Police

Division: Metro-Traffic/Air Ops

Dept ID: 11001141

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

3-Bicycle Safety Grant Award Letter 2015

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

Michael Fry

9/3/2014 9:13:21 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Sam Somers - 8/27/2014 9:09:21 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides grant opportunities for local governments to fund traffic safety programs. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/14, OTS awarded over \$1 million in grants to the City of Sacramento to fund Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement and traffic safety programs.

In January 2014, the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) applied for and was awarded \$165,000 in grant funding from the OTS to maintain the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. This grant program will fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) police officer to work with citywide school districts in Sacramento to provide pedestrian and bicycle safety education and enforcement. The term of this grant is for one year, beginning October 1, 2014, and ending on September 30, 2015.

Policy Considerations: The recommendations contained in this report are consistent with City Council Resolution 2014-0179 which requires City Council approval to establish an operating grant in excess of \$100,000.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This proposal does not constitute a “project” and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(a).

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, Sacramento has consistently had one of the highest rates of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. Through a competitive statewide grant process, OTS is awarding the city of Sacramento \$165,000 to fund a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. This grant program will include school traffic safety and education, bicycle helmet and crosswalk safety training, the Safe Routes to School program and educate about unsafe driver habits and behavior. In addition, the objective of this program is to expand Start Smart training for teenage drivers at the local high schools to educate more potential new drivers. The program provides funding for one FTE Police Officer position and pays for bicycle helmets and pedestrian safety signs.

Financial Considerations: The SPD recommends City Council approval to accept \$165,000 in grant funding to maintain the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, which will fund one full-time traffic enforcement officer and pay for bicycle safety helmets and traffic safety signs. The OTS grant program has a term of one year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015. There are no match requirements for the grant and the grant will have no impact

on the General Fund.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. In 2013, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded the City of Sacramento over \$1 million in grants to fund Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement, traffic safety programs and a School Traffic Safety program. The current grant programs funded by OTS are set to expire on September 30, 2014.
- B. In 2014, the Sacramento Police Department submitted a grant proposal to the OTS requesting funding for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety program. The OTS awarded the City of Sacramento \$165,000 in grant funding to maintain the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program.

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 \$165,000, 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) 2014-15 OTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant (G11012900).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budget by \$165,000.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to maintain one full-time equivalent (FTE) Police Officer position.

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June 18, 2014

Grant No. PS1503

Jacquiline Dowden, Captain
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Sacramento, CA 95822

Dear Captain Dowden:

Congratulations! Through a competitive process, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has tentatively approved your funding request for the proposal titled "Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program" in the amount of approximately \$165,000.00.

Your OTS Coordinator will contact you, to discuss your proposal and explain the Grant Agreement process. It is our goal to have all new grants start no later than October 1, 2014. If approval from a City Council or the Board of Supervisors is required, you should begin that process now. Do not incur grant reimbursable costs prior to the receipt of your official approval packet from OTS or before your grant start date.

OTS will initiate a statewide media news release regarding 2015 proposals selected for funding. Your agency should not publically announce this tentative award until the grant agreement is fully negotiated and signed by OTS.

Again, congratulations on the success of your proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Jady Ramirez, Regional Coordinator, at (916) 509-3022 or e-mail at jady.ramirez@ots.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda L. Craft".

RHONDA L. CRAFT
Director

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