

**Meeting Date:** 9/9/2014

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2014-00661

**Title:** Grant: California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement 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, \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); 2) establish a grant project for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (G11012800); 3) adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budgets by \$1,000,000; and 4) continue authorization for three full-time equivalent (FTE) Police Officer positions and one FTE Police Sergeant 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-STEP Grant Award Letter

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### **City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form

Michael Fry

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### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Sam Somers - 8/25/2014 10:21:23 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 traffic enforcement, driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement, and traffic safety programs. These programs are currently in place and will end on September 30, 2014. Grant funding from OTS has a significant beneficial impact upon citywide traffic safety. Although the City of Sacramento still ranks as the highest in the state for alcohol-related collisions and injuries, during the last five years, the number of alcohol-involved collisions on city streets has continued to decrease. According to the 2011 OTS statewide collision rankings, alcohol-related injury collisions in Sacramento have decreased by 32.5 percent from 2006 levels.

In FY2014/15, the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) applied for and was awarded \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the OTS to maintain the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), which focuses on all types of dangerous driving behavior, including DUI offenses, seatbelt and distracted driving enforcement, and young driver education programs. 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 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 the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. In 2011, Sacramento had the highest rate of occurrence for alcohol-related fatalities and injuries in California based on average population.

In January 2014, the SPD submitted new OTS applications for the upcoming grant fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The City’s current OTS grant programs will expire on September 30, 2014. Through a competitive statewide grant process, OTS is awarding Sacramento \$1,000,000 to continue funding the 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.

**Financial Considerations:** The SPD recommends City Council approval to accept \$1,000,000 in grant funding to maintain the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. 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, SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. In 2013, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded the City of Sacramento over \$1,000,000 in grants to fund Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement and traffic safety programs. The current grant programs are set to expire on September 30, 2014.
- B. In 2014, the Sacramento Police Department submitted a new grant proposal to the OTS requesting funding for traffic safety enforcement programs. The OTS awarded the City of Sacramento \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000, 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 FY 2014/15 OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant (G11012800).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budget adjustments by \$1,000,000.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to maintain the three Police Officer full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, one FTE Police Sergeant position.

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June 18, 2014

Grant No. PT1565

Jacqueline 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 "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)" in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000.00.

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](mailto:jady.ramirez@ots.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda L. Craft".

RHONDA L. CRAFT  
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