



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 25, 2026

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL'S 2026/2027 CANNABIS TAX GRANT PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$591,186.07 FOR THE EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RELATED TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Adopt a Resolution and approve an Agreement accepting the Department of California Highway Patrol's 2026/2027 Cannabis Tax Grant Program award in the amount of \$591,186.07 for the education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve an Agreement with the Department of California Highway Patrol for a 2026/2027 Cannabis Tax Grant Program award in the amount of \$591,186.07 for the education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
2. Adopt a Resolution to accept the Department of California Highway Patrol's 2026/2027 Cannabis Tax Grant Program award in the amount of \$591,186.07, or amount awarded, for the education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027;
3. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in an amount equal to the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Cannabis Tax Grant revenue and expenditure accounts; and
4. Upon grant award, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the Department of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

With the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use Marijuana Act (AUMU), California voters mandated the state to set aside funding for the CHP to provide

grants to local governments and qualified non-profit organizations for the education, prevention, and enforcement of impaired driving laws pursuant to Section 34019(f)(3)(B) Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC).

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program provides financial assistance to allied agencies for the education, prevention, and the enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis. The intent of the program is to educate the public regarding the dangers of impaired driving, enforce impaired driving laws on the roadway, and improve the agency's effectiveness through training and development of new strategies.

The Riverside Police Department applied for grant funds that would support the City's efforts to reduce occurrences of injury and fatal collisions. Several best practice strategies would be used to impact traffic safety including training, community education, strategic operations, and supplies to support those operations.

Upon City Council approval, the California Department of Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program would be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Field Operations Traffic Division. The grant would fund the overtime operations during the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Strategic operations will include traffic enforcement operations, DUI Checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, education programs for parents and teaching staff, and officer training classes. Additionally, the grant will fund two DUI patrol vehicles and a DUI trailer.

Adoption of a resolution by City Council explicitly stating the agency has delegated authority to enter into an agreement for the requested grant amount of \$591,186.07 is required for this grant opportunity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$591,186.07, or the actual award amount. The total grant award is up to \$591,186.07, and no matching funds are required. Upon Council approval and receipt of the grant award, an increase in revenue will be recorded and an equal amount of expenditures appropriated in an amount up to \$591,186.07 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Cannabis Tax Grant revenue and expenditure accounts listed in the table below:

Fund	Program	Account	Amount
Grants & Restricted Programs	<i>Revenue</i>		
	Cannabis Tax Grant - Revenue	9356900-334100	\$591,186.07
	<i>Expenditures</i>		
	Cannabis Tax Grant - Overtime	9356900-411500	\$344,358.35
	Cannabis Tax Grant – Equipment	9356900-462100	\$233,986.47
	Cannabis Tax Grant - Supplies	9356900-426800	\$12,651.25
	Cannabis Tax Grant - Travel	9356900-427100	\$190.00
Total Expenditures			\$591,186.07

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Approved by: Thomas R. Hatch, Interim City Manager
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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement