



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 6, 2019

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$535,000 FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 TO DETECT AND REMOVE IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$535,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Fiscal Year 2019/20 to detect and remove impaired drivers from the Highway for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and approve a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$535,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Fiscal Year 2019/20 to detect and remove impaired drivers from the Highway for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$535,000 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Revenue Account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Department Grants and Capital Projects Accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On September 29, 2012, California Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2552 into law. The bill distinguishes the offenses of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of any drug, and driving under the combined influence of alcohol and any drug. The law went into effect on January 1, 2014. California recognizes that drug-impaired driving is a serious threat to public health and safety, and this law complements other work being done in the state to address it.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) strives to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant. The grant is available to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public about traffic safety, and provide various and efficient means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions.

The grant funds would support the City's efforts to reduce occurrences of injury and fatal collisions and to improve Riverside's positioning in the statewide OTS rankings through STEP. The program uses several best practice strategies to impact traffic safety including training, community education, strategic operations, and supplies to support those operations.

The STEP grant would be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Field Operations Traffic Division. The grant would fund the overtime operations during the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Strategic operations will include bicycle and pedestrian enforcements, distracted driving operations, traffic enforcement operations, motorcycle safety, and DUI saturation patrols and checkpoints.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$535,000. There are no matching funds required.

Upon City Council authorization, an increase will be made in estimated revenues in the amount of \$535,000 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Revenue Account No. 9165020- 331100 and expenditures will be appropriated in the same amount in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department Expenditure Account No. 9165020-440110.

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