



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: SEPT 13, 2016**

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$100,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – DRUG RECOGNITION EVALUATOR PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 TO DETECT AND REMOVE IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM THE HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Drug Recognition Evaluator Program for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the grant funds in the amount of \$100,00 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for Fiscal Year 2016-17;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$100,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in a project account to be established by Finance; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the 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 into law Assembly Bill 2552. 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.

One of the areas of concentration for the Office of Traffic Safety has been to identify a primary goal to reduce deaths and injuries attributed to drivers under the influence of legal and illegal drugs. Law enforcement and prosecutors need the training to successfully identify, apprehend, and prosecute drug-impaired drivers.

DISCUSSION:

Detection and removal of impaired drivers from the highway are critical to reducing the mileage death rate. This grant focuses on deterring and apprehending the drug-impaired driver through the instruction of the many Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) courses sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Riverside Police Department will use the grant funds to train law enforcement personnel, school administrators, teachers, prosecutors, and other legal professionals using approved DECP curricula associated with alcohol and drug influence.

These training programs will be taught and/or facilitated by the Riverside Police Department's, Riverside Impaired Driving Education (RIDE) Unit. Additionally, numerous enforcement details focusing efforts on alcohol and drug impairment will be undertaken as part of a requirement for course completion and student certification.

The RIDE Unit is anticipated to participate in the grant through training, instruction, or attendance at the certified DECP courses. These courses include Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP). Also, the RIDE Unit will host an SFST and DRE Instructor training.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$100,000, and no matching funds are required.

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