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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2018**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$505,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 - TO DETECT AND REMOVE IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM THE HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$505,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 to detect and remove impaired drivers from the highway.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$505,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for Fiscal Year 2018-19;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$505,000 into Revenue Account No. 9163600- 3311000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Police Department Account No. 9163600-4401100 by Finance for the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety; 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 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 state-wide OTS rankings through STEP. The program funds several best practice strategies to impact traffic safety including training, community education, strategic operations, and the 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 overtime operations during the term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. 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 \$505,000, and no matching funds are required.

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