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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JANUARY 8, 2019**  
**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARD: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT – SELECTIVE  
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FY19/20 –  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000**

## **ISSUES:**

Approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$600,000 for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, administered by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents and accept the Assurances and Certifications that will be submitted with the application and upon grant award, authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$600,000.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$600,000 for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, administered by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents associated with grant submittal and award, accept the assurances and certifications; and make non-substantive changes in documents associated with the application; and
3. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$600,000 into Revenue Account No. 9165020-3311000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9165020-4401100 by Finance for the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety grant program.

## **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 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 overtime operations during the term of the grant which is 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:**

There is no net impact to the General Fund. The total grant award is estimated to be \$600,000. Upon grant award, estimated revenues in the amount of \$600,000 will be budgeted in Revenue Account No. 9165020-3311000 and expenditures in the same amount will be budgeted in the Police Department Account No. 9165020-4401100. No matching funds are required.

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