



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 7, 2020

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

**SUBJECT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION
– SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FY20/21 IN AN AMOUNT
UP TO \$600,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUES:

Approve the submission of a grant application and, upon award, the acceptance of grant funds for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for FY20/21 in an amount up to \$600,000, administered by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the Assurances and Certifications that will be submitted with the application and execute any grant documents, and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for FY20/21 in an amount up to \$600,000, administered by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety;
2. Approve the acceptance of grant funds, upon award, for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for FY20/21 in an amount up to \$600,000, administered by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety;
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept the Assurances and Certifications with the application and to execute any grant documents and make non-substantive changes in any documents associated with grant submittal or award acceptance; and
4. Authorize, upon grant award, an increase in the amount of the grant award up to \$600,000 in a Police Department Revenue Account and an increase in appropriate expenditures in the same amount to a Police Department Expenditure Account by Finance for the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

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 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 the overtime operations from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. 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 estimated to be \$600,000. No matching funds are required.

Upon approval, an increase in the amount of the grant award up to \$600,000 will be made in the Police Department Revenue Account No. 9167900-331100 and an increase will be made in appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Expenditure Account No. 9167900-411501 by Finance for the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

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