



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 19, 2021

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$600,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO DETECT AND REMOVE IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$600,000 to the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$600,000 to the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for Fiscal Year 2021-22;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenue in an amount up to \$600,000 in Fund 215 Grants and Restricted Programs Police Department Revenue Account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Fund 215 Grants and Restricted Programs Police Department Expenditure Account; 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, former 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 will 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 during the term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Strategic operations will include bicycle and pedestrian enforcement, distracted driving operations, traffic enforcement operations, motorcycle safety, and DUI saturation patrols and checkpoints.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is an amount up to \$600,000 and no matching funds are required. Upon grant award, an increase will be made in revenues in an amount up to \$600,000 in Fund 215 Grants and Restricted Programs Police Department Revenue Account No. 9171700711- 3311000 and expenditures in the same amount will be appropriated to Fund 215 Grants and Restricted Programs Police Department Expenditure Account No. 9171700711-4401100.

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