



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 4, 2021

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL'S 2021/2022 CANNABIS TAX GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RELATED TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,108.22 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant award from the California Highway Patrol's 2021/2022 Cannabis Tax Grant Program for the education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$95,108.22.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant award from the Department of California Highway Patrol's 2021/2022 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program for the education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence in the amount of \$95,108.22;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in an amount equal to the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Cannabis Tax Grant revenue and expenditure accounts; and
3. Upon grant award, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the Department of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

With the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, The Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use Marijuana Act (AUMU), California voters mandated the state to set aside funding for the CHP to provide grants to local governments and qualified non-profit organizations for the education, prevention, and enforcement of impaired driving laws pursuant to Section 34019(f)(3)(B) Revenue and

Taxation Code (RTC).

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program provides financial assistance to allied agencies for the education, prevention, and the enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis. The intent of the program is to educate the public regarding the dangers of impaired driving, enforce impaired driving laws on the roadway, and improve the agency's effectiveness through training and development of new strategies.

The Riverside Police Department submitted an application for grant funds that would support the City's efforts to reduce occurrences of injury and fatal collisions. Several best practice strategies would be used to impact traffic safety including training, community education, strategic operations, and supplies to support those operations.

If awarded, the California Department of Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program would be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Field Operations Traffic Division. The grant would fund the overtime operations during the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Strategic operations will include traffic enforcement operations, DUI saturation patrols, education programs for parents and teaching staff, and officer training classes.

Adoption of a resolution by City Council explicitly stating the agency has delegated authority to enter into an agreement for the requested grant amount of \$95,108.22 is required for this grant opportunity upon grant award and prior to execution of the grant documents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is up to \$95,108.22, and no matching funds are required. City Charter Article XI Section 1103 requires that affirmative vote of at least five members of City Council to authorize a supplemental appropriation. With Council approval and upon receipt of the grant award, an increase will be made to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund Cannabis Tax Grant revenue account 9343500-331100 and expenditures will be appropriated in Grants and Restricted Programs Cannabis Tax Grant account 9343500-440110 for FY 2021/22.

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Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: Resolution