



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2025

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR 2025/2026 – SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000.00, CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, AND MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the Agreements accepting grant funds for three traffic safety programs in the total amount of \$496,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of the grant awards. The programs include the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the amount up to \$450,000, the Child Passenger Safety Program in the amount up to \$25,000 and the Motorcycle Safety Program in the amount up to \$21,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement accepting grant funds for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$450,000;
2. Approve the Agreement accepting grant funds for the Child Passenger Safety Program from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$25,000;
3. Approve the Agreement accepting grant funds for the Motorcycle Safety Program from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$21,000;
4. With five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record multiple supplemental appropriations in the amount of the grant award and record corresponding increases in revenues to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, Child Passenger Safety Program, and in the Motorcycle Safety Program; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In 1966, the federal government created the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to distribute traffic safety funds to the states. The California Office of Traffic Safety was created the following year as a conduit for those funds. The role of the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is to identify traffic safety problems, propose solutions and develop grants designed to minimize traffic safety problems and reduce traffic deaths and injuries. Through grant funding made available to California by the NHTSA, OTS annually funds over \$80 million dollars in innovative, evidence-based education and enforcement programs and technologies designed to make California's roadways safer.

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, Child Passenger Safety Program grant, and Motorcycle Safety Program grant. These grants are 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, Child Passenger Safety, and Motorcycle Safety. These programs use several best practice strategies to impact traffic safety including training, community education, strategic operations, and supplies to support those operations.

These grants would be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Field Operations Division, Traffic Bureau and would fund the overtime operations during the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

The STEP grant would focus on bicycle and pedestrian enforcements, distracted driving operations, traffic enforcement operations, street racing and sideshow enforcements, and DUI saturation patrols and checkpoints. In addition, a traffic safety survey would be conducted to gather community input on traffic safety in the City of Riverside, and educational recommendations related to traffic safety, which will guide future traffic safety programs and enforcement.

The Child Passenger Safety Grant program focuses on a variety of activities to educate parents and guardians on child safety seat laws, including child safety seat check-ups, education classes on using and properly installing the right car seat, and providing child safety seats to families in need, as well as Child Passenger Safety Technician training and certification courses.

The Motorcycle Safety Grant aims to reduce motorcycle collisions, injuries, and deaths and includes programs that provide hands-on motorcycle training to riders. The training allows experienced riders to hone their skills. Motorcycle safety programs also include campaigns reminding riders of mandatory DOT-compliant helmet requirements, increasing other road users' awareness of motorcycles, and campaigns to reduce impaired riding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$496,000, or the actual award amount. No matching funds are required for the grant awards.

Upon City Council approval, an increase in revenue in the amount of the award and an equal amount of appropriations will be recorded in the funds and programs identified in the table below:

Fund	Program	Account	Amount
Grants & Restricted Programs	<i>Revenue</i>		
	OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	9185600-331100	\$255,000
		9185610-331100	\$125,000
		9185620-331100	\$48,000
		9185630-331100	\$22,000
	OTS Child Passenger Safety Program	9185400-331100	\$25,000
	OTS Motorcycle Safety Program	9185500-331100	\$21,000
	Total Revenue		\$496,000
	<i>Expenditures</i>		
	OTS STEP CFDA - Overtime	9185600-440110	\$242,555
	OTS STEP CFDA - Supplies	9185600-426800	\$12,445
	OTS STEP Enforcement - Overtime	9185610-440110	\$111,991
	OTS STEP Enforcement - Supplies	9185610-426800	\$9,000
	OTS STEP Enforcement - Meeting and Travel	9185610-427100	\$4,009
	OTS STEP Distracted Driving - Overtime	9185620-440110	\$48,000
	OTS STEP Community Collaboration - Overtime	9185630-440110	\$22,000
	OTS Child Passenger - Overtime	9185400-440110	\$17,054
	OTS Child Passenger - Supplies	9185400-426800	\$5,674
	OTS Child Passenger – Indirect Costs	9185400-881300	\$2,272
	OTS Motorcycle - Overtime	9185500-440110	\$16,581
	OTS Motorcycle - Travel	9185500-427200	\$2,000
	OTS Motorcycle - Supplies	9185500-426800	\$510
	OTS Motorcycle - Indirect Costs	9185500-881300	\$1,909
	Total Expenditures		\$496,000

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 availability of funds: Kristie Thomas, Finance Director/Assistant Chief Financial Officer
 Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager
 Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Grant Agreement with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

2. Grant Agreement with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the Child Passenger Safety Program
3. Grant Agreement with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for the Motorcycle Safety Program