

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

DATE: October 13, 2015

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) FOR A SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,000

Report in Brief

The Concord Police Department has been approved for grant funds from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount totaling \$176,000 as part of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The funds will be used for conducting selective traffic enforcement operations in the City of Concord during the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. The approved funds will be administered by the Police Department Traffic Bureau.

Staff requests the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-60 accepting grant funding in the amount of \$176,000 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety and allocating it for use for the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement program.

Background

The City of Concord continues to experience a significant number of vehicle traffic collisions, alcohol involved fatal and injury traffic collisions and traffic collisions involving pedestrians.

Using previous grant monies, between October 1, 2014 and September 1, 2015 the Concord Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted 4 DUI checkpoints, 6 DUI saturation patrols (with 2 more to be conducted), 1 DUI warrant sweep (with 1 more to be conducted), 24 distracted driving patrols, 5 traffic enforcement patrols (with 2 more to be conducted), 5 bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations and 2 click it or ticket enforcement operations.

The special enforcement operation was in addition to grant requirements. The special enforcement operations were in conjunction with CHP and focused on distracted driving/cell-phone violations.

Five DUI saturation patrols and two DUI checkpoints were conducted during the months of December and January to coincide with Avoid the 25 winter mobilization period. The Concord Police Department

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recognizes alcohol related collisions and DUI incidents are significantly higher during the winter holidays and routinely deploys the majority of our grant resources during this period to reduce death and injuries due to alcohol related collisions.

The Concord Police Traffic Bureau also participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" program with our local high schools. This community involved two-day program focuses on high school juniors and seniors challenging them to think about the consequences of drinking, personal safety and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved.

As a result of our OTS, DUI operations the Traffic Bureau screened 2373 drivers, administered 99 standardized field sobriety tests, arrested 21 DUI drivers, issued 505 traffic citations, attempted 56 arrest warrant services on DUI drivers and made 1 other criminal arrest.

Discussion

The OTS grant funds will be used to pay for all personnel and related material costs associated with the grant objectives during the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Specifically, the funds will be used for the following purposes:

- To send four law enforcement personnel to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing complying with Police Officer Standards and Training - certified training.
- To send four law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) 16-hour POST-certified training.
- To send one law enforcement personnel to the International Association of Chief of Police (IACP) Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.
- To conduct two DUI/Driver's License Checkpoints.
- To conduct four DUI Saturation Patrol operations.
- To conduct two Warrant Service operations targeting DUI offenders who fail to appear in court.
- To conduct six Traffic Enforcement operations, including but not limited to, primary collision factor violations.
- To conduct four Distracted Driving enforcement operations targeting drivers using hand held cell phones and texting.
- To conduct two night-time (2100 - 0259 hours) Click It or Ticket enforcement operations.
- To conduct six bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations in identified areas of high bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
- To conduct two traffic safety presentations with an effort to reach more than 250 community members.

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- To participate in the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April.
- To participate in the NHTSA Click It or Ticket mobilization period in May.
- To participate in the National Bicycle Safety Month in May.
- To collaborate with the county's Avoid Lead Agency by: participating in planning/scheduling meetings and MADD/Avoid DUI Seminars; providing your agency's schedule of operations that occur during any Avoid campaign; and reporting your agency's DUI arrests & DUI fatality information during any Avoid campaign.
- To collect and report DUI enforcement data for the NHTSA Winter and Summer Mobilizations.

Fiscal Impact

None. There are no matching funds required.

Public Contact

The agenda has been posted as required by the Brown Act. Upon notification of grant approval, a press release will be made announcing the kick-off of the grant funded program.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-60 authorizing the acceptance of grant monies in the amount of \$176,000 from the State of California's Office of Traffic Safety and appropriating the funds for use in the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement program.



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Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 15-60
Attachment No. 2 – Award Letter

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**A Resolution to Accept Grant Funding from the
California Office of Traffic Safety for Select Traffic
Enforcement Program Amending the Municipal
Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Resolution No. 15-60

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended an amendment to the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, the amendment reflects adjustments deemed necessary based upon the City Council’s approval for receipt of grand funds from the State Of California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$176,000 for the purpose of supporting the Police Department’s Selective Traffic Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed staff as to any amendments to the municipal budget thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approves the recommendations of the City Manager with regard to the amendment to the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 accepting grant funds in the amount of \$176,000 and allocating the funds for use in the City’s Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Concord on October 13, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers

NOES: Councilmembers

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers

ABSENT: Councilmembers

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June 1, 2015

Grant No. PT1636

Paul VanDiver, Corporal
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Dear Corporal VanDiver:

Congratulations! Through a competitive process, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has tentatively approved your funding request for the proposal titled "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)" in the amount of approximately \$176,000.00.

Your OTS Coordinator will contact you, to discuss your proposal and explain the Grant Agreement process. It is our goal to have all new grants start no later than October 1, 2015. If approval from a City Council or the Board of Supervisors is required, you should begin that process now. Do not incur grant reimbursable costs prior to the receipt of your official approval packet from OTS or before your grant start date.

OTS will initiate a statewide media news release regarding 2016 proposals selected for funding. Your agency *should not* publically announce this tentative award until the grant agreement is fully negotiated and signed by OTS.

Again, congratulations on the success of your proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Black, Regional Coordinator, at (916) 509-3015 or e-mail at donna.black@ots.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda L. Craft".

RHONDA L. CRAFT
Director

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