



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: LeRonne L. Armstrong
Chief of Police;
Ryan Russo, Director; Dept.
of Transportation

SUBJECT: Oakland School Safety Grant: Active
and Safe Oakland

DATE: February 21, 2022

City Administrator Approval

Date: Apr 5, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To:

- 1) **Accept And Appropriate The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) Active Transportation Program Grant Funds In The Amount Not To Exceed Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000); And**
- 2) **Enter Into A Contract With ACPHD For The Period Of October 1, 2020 To September 30, 2023 To Develop Traffic Safety Plans, Implement School Safety Patrol Programs, And Provide Additional Traffic Enforcement Around Schools, In Support Of The "Active and Safe Oakland" Program; And**
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Oakland is the designated recipient of \$99,000 in grant funds from the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) for an Active Transportation Grant. These funds will be distributed to Oakland Police Department (OPD) and the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) from ACPHD for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. Grant funds will be used to: coordinate, facilitate, maintain and expand school-based Safe Routes to School services to a minimum of 18 schools; develop Traffic Safety Plans (TSP's); and provide targeted enforcement of traffic and parking violations before, during, and after student drop off and pick up times, upon the school's request, to ensure the safe arrival and departure of students at school.

The prior "Active Oakland" grant expired September 30, 2020. This new 2020-2023 ASO program has the same goals and objectives as prior iterations of the program.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ACPHD has implemented Safe Routes to School projects with funding provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for over ten years. Much of ACPHD's work has centered on promoting safety and increasing student walking and biking to and from school. In 2014, a collaborative was formed among ACPHD, OPD, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Alameda County Emergency Medical Services-Accident Prevention Program, Alameda County Department of Public Works, and (new to this year's grant OakDOT. This collaborative project has been titled "Active and Safe Oakland: A Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program (ASO)." The prior "Active Oakland" grant expired September 30, 2020 and the 2020-2023 ASO program has the same goals and objectives as prior iterations of the program, Active Oakland as well as its predecessor, Be Oakland, Be Active.

City Council previously approved acceptance and appropriation of the Be Oakland, Be Active grant via Resolution No. 85963 C.M.S., dated January 19, 2016 and of the Active Oakland grant via Resolution No. 87427 C.M.S., dated November 27, 2018.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

ACPHD plans to use \$99,000 of its ASO grant award to contract with the City of Oakland from October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2023. Specifically, OPD and OakDOT will collaboratively support the ASO program through the following protocols:

- 1) Developing Traffic Safety Plans (TSPs) for at least 18 select Oakland schools from historically disadvantaged neighborhoods. Each TSP requires a traffic safety audit meeting between the OakDOT School Traffic Safety Supervisor, representatives from ACPHD, school principals, parents, and staff members. The meeting(s) goal is to create a plan of action and traffic safety guidelines to be distributed to parents.
- 2) Oversight of the Safety Patrol Program in providing guidance, training and leadership to the Oakland Schools Safety Patrol Program (OSSPP). OakDOT will also support developmental aspects of the program that foster leadership, teamwork and responsibility; and
- 3) Providing additional OPD officer traffic education and parking enforcement around schools during school drop off and pick-up times, at the school's request; OPD will provide the traffic education and OakDOT will provide the parking enforcement. This support also includes after-school hours safety patrol development and maintenance, the completion and creation of on-site traffic safety audits and development and creation of TSPs with a focus toward the implementation of active and functioning Safety Patrols Platoons.

ASO will target the following 18 Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Elementary Schools¹:

Acorn Woodland Elementary Allendale Elementary Bridges Academy Brookfield Elementary Community United Elementary East Oakland Pride Elementary Encompass Academy Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Futures Elementary	Garfield Elementary Horace Mann Elementary International Community School (ICS) Markham Elementary Martin Luther King, Jr. Parker Elementary Reach Academy Sankofa Academy Think College Now
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The schools were chosen because they have been identified by ACPHD as highly disadvantaged schools according to the following factors:

- High percentage of students that qualify for free and reduced meals;
- Alameda County Transportation Commission's equity index;
- Historical program participation; and
- Request by school administrations.

OakDOT has also developed a back-up list of schools that can be served based on the level of school involvement as well as qualifications (see bulleted list above). OakDOT and OPD are aware that the OUSD School Board recently voted to close several campuses due to budgetary challenges. The only school on the Primary List set to close during the ASO Grant term is Parker K-8; all other closures are set for the school year 2023-24. The ASO Grant expires at the end of September 2023. OakDOT and OPD will collaborate on finding other schools from the back-up list as appropriate to serve as many schools as possible given grant rules and restrictions.

Walk and Bike to School Education

In addition to encouraging students to walk or bike to school, the program will utilize curriculum and assemblies to provide a focus on healthy eating and physical activity.

OPD will partner with ACPHD in the ASO program through regular meetings. A representative from OakDOT will consult with school principals and school staff to identify and articulate traffic safety plans. OPD officers will provide school-site traffic and parking enforcement during drop off and pick-up times to the schools that request these services, as needed throughout the year, and based upon staff availability. The officers will also respond to requests from safety patrol advisors and school staff as needed. The safety patrol advisors will provide ongoing feedback to OPD, evaluate progress and coordinate the adjustment of enforcement activities accordingly.

¹ There is a backup list of additional schools that can be considered should any of the below schools choose to not participate. OakDOT and OPD are aware that the OUSD School Board recently voted to close several campuses due to budgetary challenges.

The ASO Program addresses Oakland’s citywide goals of holistic community safety. The program will enhance pedestrian and traffic safety and represents a collaborative approach to achieving these goals as OPD and OakDOT will work together as well as with Alameda County partners.

FISCAL IMPACT

The tables below outlines how OPD’s Traffic Operations Section and OakDOT’s Safe Streets Division will utilize the \$99,000.00 in support of the Active and Safe Oakland Grant program. The grant program period is October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2023.

Budget Allocations

Task	Personnel Performing Work	*Overtime Hourly Rate	Total Estimated Personnel Hours	Expense
Traffic Safety Plans	OakDOT School Traffic Safety Supervisor (Top Step), Planner or Engineer	\$72.03	264	\$19,000
Safety Patrol Development and Maintenance	OakDOT School Traffic Safety Supervisor (Top Step), Planner or Engineer	\$72.03	278	\$20,000
Traffic and Enforcement	Traffic Enforcement Police Officer	\$100.02	TBD	\$60,000
Parking Enforcement	Police Service Technician	\$52.12	TBD	
3-YEAR TOTAL			TBD	\$99,000

Funds will be allocated in the Alameda County Grant Fund (2160), Traffic Enforcement Division Organization (107510) Traffic Operations Program (PS14), and Crossing Guard Services Organization (35243), in the Project 1006134, under award numbers 24061 and 24055. The program will be managed by the Traffic Operations Section commander.

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Award	Amount
2160	35243	1006134	24061	\$39,000
2160	107510	1006134	24055	\$60,000

General Purpose Fund Contributions

Based on the City’s Central Services Overhead (CSO) rate of 13.91%, overhead charges associated with the grant’s personnel costs will be approximately \$13,771. Per the granting

agency, indirect costs such as CSO charges are disallowed; staff therefore requests the City's General Purpose Fund contribute \$13,771 to cover the CSO charges.

This project aligns with the City's citywide goal of "holistic safe community" as the project involves OPD-OakDOT collaboration as well as collaboration with County partners. These programs incorporate feedback and support from multiple public partners to ensure that program capacity supports communities that need traffic and pedestrian safety support.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This item is of interest to the public as these grant funds will be used to promote public safety on Oakland's streets.

COORDINATION

This report and legislation have been reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no economic activities associated with this report

Environmental: The traffic safety plans that will be created through this grant-funded program will support safer streets in promotion of safe walking and cycling as forms of transportation. These modes of mobility decrease the reliance of fossil fuels which negatively contribute to global warming.

Race and Equity: Grant funds and other resources contributed by partnering agencies are directed toward achieving increased safety and service levels, especially in less resourced Oakland communities.

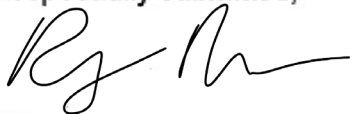
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For questions about this report, please contact OakDOT School Traffic Safety Supervisor Paul Cirolia at (510) 773-6800.

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