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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Henry L. Gardner
Interim City Administrator

FROM: Sean Whent

SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant

DATE: October 20, 2014

City Administrator
Approval

Date 10.29.14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, or Designee, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in the Amount of \$140,220.00 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), for the 2014-2015 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to be Conducted by the Oakland Police Department (OPD).

OUTCOME

These grant funds, which are passed through the State of California from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for OTS to administer the STEP, will allow the Oakland Police Department to reduce the number of fatalities and persons injured in collisions involving alcohol, speed, red light running, and other select primary collision factors through the use of education and enforcement.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The State of California has made positive strides in recent years in the fight against fatal and injury collisions involving alcohol, speed, running of red lights, and other select vehicle code violations. However, these types of incidents remain prevalent causes of death and injury nationally and in California. Studies conducted in California and other states have shown that cities engaged in enforcement operations targeting select vehicle code violations have seen substantial reductions in fatal and injury collisions.

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The Police Department's Traffic Section has taken steps to improve traffic safety through law enforcement, including comprehensive traffic enforcement strategies and operations. Traffic officers and supervisors receive ongoing training (DUI check point management, field sobriety recognition training) in the establishment and execution of these traffic enforcement and awareness operations. Additionally, the Traffic Section has computerized its reporting and record-keeping procedures as they relate to fatal and injury collisions data.

Since 2003, the Oakland Police Department has received a number of OTS grants for the STEP. The OPD consistently follows the procedures outlined in the grant documents and has not had any issues with reimbursement from the OTS.

Due to staffing shortages, the Oakland Police Department does not currently staff the Traffic Enforcement Unit. Traffic enforcement operations are funded through grant awards such as STEP. The last implementation of the program was approved by the City Council on November 19, 2013 by Resolution No. 84712 C.M.S.

ANALYSIS

Staff will continue to operate the STEP in the City in accordance with Oakland Police Department policy and the OTS grant requirements. These requirements include the performance of the following operations between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015:

- 5 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) / Driver License Checkpoints
- 12 DUI Saturation Patrols
- 4 Distracted Driving enforcement operations targeting drivers using hand-held cellular phones and texting
- 12 Traffic Enforcement operations including, but not limited to, select primary collision factor violations
- 4 Motorcycle Safety operations
- 2 Click It or Ticket seatbelt enforcement operations
- 12 bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations in identified areas of high bicycle and pedestrian traffic
- Participation in the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April
- Participation in the statewide Click It or Ticket mobilization period in May
- Collaboration with the Alameda County Chiefs of Police Association's Avoid the 21 Driving under the Influence Coalition

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This item does not require any additional public outreach other than the required posting on the City's website.

COORDINATION

Staff consulted with the Budget Office and the Office of the City Attorney in the preparation of this report.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will reimburse the City up to the amount of \$140,220.00 for the various enforcement operations and education programs during the grant period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Expense allocations are as follows:

Use of Funds	Amount
O/T for Sworn and Professional Personnel to conduct the above listed enforcement operations (October 2014 to September 2015)	\$111,120.00
Training Expenses	\$5,000.00
Equipment (Traffic Collision Reconstruction System)	\$20,000.00
Supplies	\$4,100.00
TOTAL	\$140,220.00

Based on a 12.03% calculation rate, Central Services Overhead (CSO) charges associated with the \$111,120.00 for salary and wages equals \$13,368.00. However, according to the granting agency, indirect costs (CSO) charges are disallowed. The General Purpose Fund will contribute \$13,368.00 for CSO costs.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

All revenues and appropriations for overtime will be allocated in the State of California Grant Fund (2159), Traffic Enforcement Division Organization (107510), Traffic Enforcement Program (PS14), in the Project to be determined. The program will be managed by the Traffic Operations Section Commander.

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PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Oakland Police Department administered STEP grants in the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2013-14 fiscal years. These programs were intended to reduce fatal and injury collisions while reinforcing safe driving habits through speed reduction, aggressive driving elimination, and increased use of seat belts. Operations focused on operations at intersections that had been identified as having a disproportionate number of traffic collisions and motorcycle safety issues. The Oakland Police Department did not receive funding during the 2012-2013 fiscal year as it was an audit year, and OTS does not award grants to agencies in the years that they audit an agency's program.

The results of previous programs are as follows:

2013-2014 STEP grant results

- 2,841 Vehicles through Checkpoints
- 708 Vehicles Screened
- 10 Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 8 Driving Under Influence Arrests
- 1,087 Citations Issued

2011-2012 STEP grant results

- 5,195 Vehicles through Checkpoints
- 1,039 Vehicles Screened
- 7 Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 4 Driving Under Influence Arrests
- 634 Citations Issued

2010-2011 STEP grant results

- 14,085 Vehicles through Checkpoints
- 2,610 Vehicles Screened
- 35 Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 29 Driving Under Influence Arrests
- 612 Citations Issued

In addition, the following historical data table shows the number of collisions, injuries, and fatalities for the City:

	2011	2012*	2013*	2014 (thru August)
<i>Fatal Collisions</i>	13	30	20	15
<i>DUI Collisions</i>	153	101	120	117
<i>Red light injury collisions</i>	214	210	200	182
<i>Speed injury collisions</i>	250	222	244	239
<i>Intersection injury collisions</i>	579	577	578	513
<i>Other injury collisions</i>	377	439	403	280
<i>Total injury collisions</i>	1,420	1,448	1,425	1,214

* There was no STEP in place between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

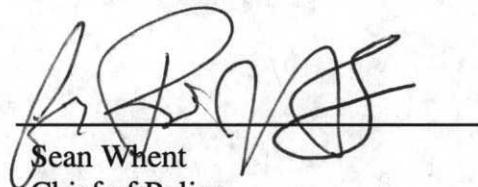
Economic: Reckless driving, exhibitions of speed, unlicensed operation of vehicles, DUI, and other traffic problems negatively impact property value and business opportunities. Efforts to address these problems will lead to improvements of these public safety issues.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

Social Equity: The services provided by the Oakland Police Department's participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program will assist the community through improved police services, increased safety and enhanced police-community relations.

For questions concerning this report, please contact Lt. Peter Lau at 510-777-8637.

Respectfully submitted,



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Rúcia Jones
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$140,220.00) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS), FOR THE 2014-2015 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT (OPD)

WHEREAS, grant funds totaling \$140,220.00 have been awarded by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), for the Police Department's continued participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP); and

WHEREAS, the STEP is designed to reduce the number of people injured or killed in crashes involving alcohol, speed, red light running, and other primary collision factors through the combined efforts of the OTS and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the STEP project dates are from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Central Service Overhead (CSO) costs (12.03%) are not permitted by the grantor, therefore the General Purpose Fund will contribute \$13,368.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 84712 C.M.S., dated November 19, 2013, Resolution No. 83555 C.M.S., dated September 20, 2011, Resolution No. 81223 C.M.S., dated April 15, 2008, Resolution No. 80578 C.M.S., dated May 15, 2007, Resolution No. 80130 C.M.S., dated September 19, 2006; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator, or designee, to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$140,220.00 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, and to increase revenues and appropriate said budget to the Police Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the grant funds shall be maintained in the State of California Grant Fund (2159), Traffic Enforcement Division Org. (107510); Traffic Enforcement Program (PS14), in a Project to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Fund contributes \$13,368 in cover CSO costs (12.03%); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend the grant award.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California