



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded \$425,000 to the Police Department for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic crashes involving alcohol and other primary collisions factors.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

The California Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) mission is to effectively and efficiently administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce traffic deaths, injuries, and economic losses. The Police Department has been awarded various OTS grants, including the Serious Traffic Offenders Program (STOP), Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program, DUI Enforcement Program, and Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), which have enhanced the Traffic Unit by funding new positions, traffic enforcement operations and supplies/equipment used during traffic enforcement operations.

The Police Department has received funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Throughout the one-year grant period (10/1/2019 to 9/30/2020), traffic enforcement operations will be conducted on an overtime basis. Grant-funded operations include DUI/driver license checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols and collaborative DUI enforcement to reduce the

number of persons killed or injured in alcohol-involved collisions. Distracted driving operations will focus on drivers using hand-held cell phones and texting. Other traffic enforcement operations include motorcycle safety enforcement operations and bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations. Additionally, traffic safety educational presentations will be conducted throughout the grant period, with a goal to reach out to community members, on the topics of distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety, seatbelts and child passenger safety.

Funds provided by this grant will also be utilized for training, checkpoint supplies used during the traffic operations, and crash data retrieval software.

#### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision- maker conflict of interest in this matter.

#### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this resolution will result in the acceptance of \$425,000 of grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Since the grant period crosses between two fiscal years, \$320,252 will be appropriated to the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget and \$104,748 will be included in the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 budget. Specifically, for the current year budget, \$314,246 will be appropriated to the personnel category and \$6,006 to the supplies and services category of the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund. The funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety will completely offset the costs of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, resulting in no net fiscal impact.

#### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting these grant funds.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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