



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent Report
September 28, 2010

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Subject: Grant: California Office of Traffic Safety DUI Enforcement and Education Programs

Location/Council District: Citywide (All Districts)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept on behalf of the City of Sacramento, \$1.12 million in grant funding from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to implement DUI Enforcement (\$621,159) and DUI Education grant programs (\$500,000); 2) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to establish grant projects for the OTS grants (DUI Enforcement - #G11007900, DUI Education - #G11008000); 3) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budgets in an amount not to exceed \$1.12 million; and 4) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into MOU's or agreements with program partners, as needed, to implement the grant-funded DUI Enforcement and Education Programs.

Contact: Mike McCarthy, Captain, (916) 808-0701

Presentation: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Metro

Organization No: 11001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides grant opportunities for local governments to fund traffic safety programs. Last year, OTS awarded approximately \$1.4 million in grants to the City of Sacramento to fund DUI enforcement, media and intervention programs. Grant funding from OTS has resulted in a significant impact upon citywide traffic safety. For the calendar year-ending 2009, alcohol-related injury collisions on City streets decreased by 23.4 percent, and alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased by 50 percent from

2008 levels. Consequently, in 2010, the Police Department applied for and was awarded \$1.12 million in OTS competitive grants to implement two grant-funded programs: a DUI Enforcement Program and a Communitywide DUI Education Program. The terms of both these grants are for one year, beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

- **Policy Considerations:** The City of Sacramento has previously accepted grant awards from the OTS to implement traffic safety programs. OTS has provided funding for programs such as the DUI Enforcement Team, DUI checkpoints, DUI Brief Intervention Program and the DUI media campaign. Accepting this funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to increase public safety. In addition, City Council Resolution #2010-388 requires City Council approval to accept grant funding, establish a grant project, and appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, the City of Sacramento has consistently had the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and the average number of vehicle miles driven. Alcohol-related collisions, in particular, continue to result in tragic consequences. In 2008, the City of Sacramento had the highest rate of occurrence for alcohol-related fatalities and injuries in the State of California. For 2009, OTS funded a variety of alcohol enforcement and educational programs in Sacramento, and alcohol-related injury collisions decreased significantly on Sacramento City streets. Excluding Sacramento freeways and highways, which are patrolled by the California Highway Patrol, from 2008 to 2009, total traffic fatalities decreased by 38.5 percent on Sacramento City streets. Traffic fatalities on City streets decreased from 26 in 2008 to 16 in 2009. Of this total, alcohol-related fatalities decreased by 50 percent.

In January 2010, the Police Department submitted two new OTS applications for the upcoming grant Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2010. The City's current OTS grant programs will expire on September 30, 2010. The two grant proposals focus on: 1) DUI enforcement; and 2) DUI media, education and interventions for first-time offenders. The rationale for these programs is to increase DUI enforcement, compliance and education throughout the Sacramento region. The new DUI Enforcement grant

provides funding to continue the OTS funded DUI team which is comprised of three Officers and one Sergeant. In addition, the OTS Community DUI Education grant provides funding to continue the OTS funded program manager position.

Financial Considerations: The Sacramento Police Department is recommending City Council approval to accept \$1.12 million dollars in grant funding to implement two separate grant awards. The first proposal for \$621,159 focuses on DUI enforcement and will fund a full-time DUI team in the City of Sacramento. The second award for \$500,000 will fund a DUI media campaign, alcohol interventions for first-time offenders, and jail intake nurses. In summary, \$1.12 million in grants will continue to fund four sworn officer positions, including overtime, benefits and supplies associated with traffic safety enforcement and will fund all costs associated with the implementation of the community DUI education program, including all program management expenses. The OTS grant program has a term of one-year beginning October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. There are no match requirements for the grant and the grant will have no impact on the General Fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESPD): Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (E/SBD) program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike McCarthy
Mike McCarthy, Captain

Approved by: Sam Somers
Sam Somers, Acting Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H.B. Jensen
for Gus Vina, Interim City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, the City of Sacramento has consistently experienced the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. Alcohol-related collisions, in particular, continue to result in tragic consequences. In 2008, the City of Sacramento had the highest rate of alcohol-related fatalities and injuries within the State of California.

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides grant opportunities for local governments to fund traffic safety programs. In 2009, OTS awarded approximately \$1.4 million in grants to the City of Sacramento to fund DUI enforcement, media and intervention programs. OTS currently funds a full-time DUI Enforcement Team and DUI checkpoints within the City of Sacramento. In addition, OTS funded a comprehensive DUI media campaign and DUI interventions at the Sacramento County Jail.

Grant funding from OTS has resulted in a significant impact upon Citywide traffic safety. In calendar year 2009, alcohol-related injury collisions on Sacramento City streets decreased by 23.4 percent as compared to 2008 levels. Excluding Sacramento freeways and highways, which are patrolled by the California Highway Patrol, from 2008 to 2009, total traffic fatalities decreased by 38 percent on Sacramento City streets. Traffic fatalities on city streets decreased from 26 in 2008 to 16 in 2009. Of this total, alcohol-related fatalities decreased by 50 percent.

The current grant programs funded by OTS will expire September 30, 2010. In anticipation, the Police Department submitted several new grant proposals to OTS in January 2010, to request funding for DUI enforcement and DUI education programs. In July 2010, the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City of Sacramento \$1.12 million to continue its DUI Enforcement and Education programs. OTS awarded the City of Sacramento \$621,159 for DUI enforcement to continue the grant-funded DUI Team, and \$500,000 for communitywide DUI education. Both grants will be in place for one year beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The DUI enforcement grant will fund four full-time sworn positions, overtime, benefits and supplies associated with traffic safety enforcement. The Communitywide DUI Education proposal will fund the costs associated with implementing a DUI media campaign, DUI interventions for first-time offenders and intake nurses. Both proposals are 100 percent grant-funded.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT CITYWIDE DUI ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- A. In 2009, the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City of Sacramento approximately \$1.4 million in grants to fund Driving under the Influence (DUI) enforcement, media, intervention and traffic safety programs. The current grant programs funded by OTS are set to expire on September 30, 2010.
- B. In 2010, the Sacramento Police Department submitted several new grant proposals to the California Office of Traffic Safety requesting funding for DUI traffic safety and education programs. In July 2010, the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City of Sacramento \$1.12 million in grant funding to implement these traffic safety programs.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to accept grant funds from the California, Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of up to \$1.12 million, including any extensions or amendments thereof, to implement DUI Enforcement (\$621,159) and Education programs (\$500,000).
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to establish grant projects for the OTS programs (DUI Enforcement – #G11007900, DUI Education – #G11008000).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to make the necessary grant expense and revenue budget adjustments to implement the \$1.12 million OTS grants.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to enter into MOU's or agreements with program partners, as needed, to implement the grant-funded DUI Enforcement and Education Program proposals.