



DATE: September 12, 2017

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: **Acceptance and Appropriation of State Funds Designated for the Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Award 2017-18**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept \$115,000 in grant funds from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Program to assist with Police Department traffic safety initiatives.
2. Appropriate \$115,000 in the Police Department, General Operating Fund for expenditure of the grant funds. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

In order to meet the City's goal for improving traffic safety, the City of Mountain View submitted a grant application to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

The OTS has awarded the City \$115,000 in grant funding to fund Officer overtime expenses, programming costs, and training to enhance the Police Department's traffic safety initiatives through education, engagement, engineering, and enforcement. The majority of the funds are for reimbursement of patrol, traffic, and Officer activities, in addition to direct costs for Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) devices.

ANALYSIS

The Mountain View Police Department makes a concerted effort to decrease traffic collisions and resulting injuries, in particular collisions involving impaired drivers, by focusing on education campaigns, vehicle code violation enforcement, working more efficiently to predict potential problem areas through data collection, complaint analysis and directed enforcement, and coordinating with the City's Traffic Engineering Division to identify engineering solutions to roadway safety issues.

The Police Department has developed an action plan for the 2017-18 grant period that includes:

- Enhancing the current youth traffic education diversion program to reach more youth pedestrian and bicycle roadway users who have been cited for safety violations.
- Delivering the “Alive at 25” diversion course for 16 to 25 year old drivers who have received a citation.
- Focusing and growing our social media campaigns to enhance the reach and educational components of our grant.
- Increasing high visibility, dedicated Driving Under the Influence enforcement patrols.
- Increasing pedestrian/bicycle safety and directed enforcement (focusing on unsafe speed and inattention, the most common causes for roadway incidents).

Focusing on these goals will continue to enhance traffic safety for all roadway users through education and engagement as well as enforcement operations throughout the City of Mountain View.

FISCAL IMPACT

For Fiscal Year 2017-18, the City of Mountain View is eligible to receive \$115,000 in OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant funding. These grant funds will allow the Police Department to increase its enforcement efforts and decrease traffic collisions throughout the City.

The City is not required to provide any matching funds, nor is the City required to provide funding for the continuation of the program at the conclusion of the grant.

ALTERNATIVES – The City Council could direct that the grant funds not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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