



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: October 14, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: **Acceptance and Appropriation of \$75,000 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to take all steps necessary to accept and receive Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant funds in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) from the State of California.
2. Appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) in grant revenue and expenditures in the Police Department budget to assist with personnel overtime associated with identified traffic and DUI enforcement efforts, training, and education (Five votes required).

BACKGROUND

In an effort to make Mountain View's streets safer for everyone, the City is dedicated to reducing traffic incidents through a comprehensive, proactive strategy. This strategy, known as the Four "E"s: Education, Engagement, Engineering, and Enforcement, guides the City's efforts to address roadway safety from every angle.

Through community outreach, public service announcements, and social media, the Police Department shares updates on enforcement efforts, helping to extend its reach and impact. Police Department officers also partner closely with the City's Traffic Engineering team, ensuring problem areas within the City are identified and addressed with data-driven engineering solutions.

In addition, the Police Department actively pursues grant funding to expand focused enforcement in high-risk areas, strengthen community engagement through education and dialogue, and gather meaningful data. This information helps shape future enforcement priorities, educational campaigns, and engineering improvements, all with the shared goal of creating safer streets for every member of our community. The Office of Traffic Safety's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant award to the City for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 is seventy-five

thousand dollars (\$75,000) and will be paid as a reimbursement to the City for associated expenses as described in the Analysis section below.

ANALYSIS

After reviewing the City's Police Department collision report data from January 1st, 2024, to December 31st, 2024, there were three hundred thirty-six (336) reported collisions in Mountain View. The top three primary causes of these collisions identified are Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Unsafe Turns, and Unsafe Speed. Attachment 1 provides a table of the top primary collision factors for reported collisions in Mountain View in 2024. After further review, a few key priorities have been identified for expending grant funds. The Police Department aims to reduce traffic crash-related injuries and fatalities, lower the number of fatalities and injuries among pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists, decrease crashes involving alcohol, drugs, or both, and minimize fatal and injury crashes related to hit-and-run incidents and late-night driving (9:00 p.m. – 2:59 a.m.).

The Police Department has made it a priority to enhance traffic safety for all roadway users in the City. This funding will support personnel overtime, and operational supplies necessary to implement the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the City is eligible to receive up to \$75,000 from the Office of Traffic Safety's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant. These funds will support the Police Department's enforcement efforts aimed at improving traffic safety throughout the City.

The grant will fully reimburse the City for all eligible costs incurred under the program, up to the \$75,000 maximum award.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a "license, permit, or other entitlement for use" if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more

information see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

SUBJECT TO THE LEVINE ACT

☒ Contract or franchise agreement

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council could direct that the Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program funds not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Primary Collision Factors (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)