



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 24, 2025
CATEGORY: Consent
DEPT.: Police
TITLE: **Acceptance and Appropriation of \$314,998.25 California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Accepting and Appropriating a Cannabis Tax Fund Grant from the State of California in the Amount of Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$314,998.25) to Help Reduce, and Mitigate the Impacts of, Impaired Driving in Mountain View and Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Take All Steps Necessary to Receive the Grant Funds, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

The City is committed to continually increasing traffic safety for all roadway users. In an effort to reduce the number of alcohol- and/or drug-impaired vehicle collisions in Mountain View, the Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) seeks and utilizes grant funds to increase focused enforcement of impaired drivers.

The California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant was established in 2016 with the passage of Proposition 64 and is awarded to cities competitively. The grant award to the City for Fiscal Year 2025-26 is \$314,998.25.

ANALYSIS

Upon review of the MVPD collision data for 2024, there were 357 reported vehicle collisions on Mountain View roadways. Sixty-nine (69) of the collisions, or 19%, involved a driving under the influence or driving under the influence of drugs (DUI/DUID) impaired driver. In 2024, the MVPD arrested 352 motorists for DUI/DUID offenses, including driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, a combination of both, or possession of open containers of alcohol or cannabis. In January 2025, the MVPD responded to a fatality collision in which an impaired driver, who had a blood alcohol concentration over twice the legal limit, struck and killed a pedestrian.

The MVPD has made it a priority to conduct directed enforcement for primary collision factor violations, provide education to motorists, and perform DUI/DUID saturation patrols. To accomplish this work, grant funds will be used to purchase three vehicles to be used solely for directed enforcement operations. Grant funds will also be used to fund personnel overtime associated with DUI/DUID enforcement efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the City is eligible to receive up to \$315,000 in California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program funds. These grant funds will enable the MVPD to enhance enforcement efforts and reduce 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.

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.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

- Contract between two or more state or local government agencies

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council could direct that the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program funds not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution