



Legislation Text

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TO:
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:
Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:
Derrick Abell, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT:
Consideration of Accepting the State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the Amount of \$80,000 (Police Chief Abell).
a) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-0104
b) APPROPRIATE FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-0104 accepting the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount of \$80,000; and authorize the City Manager to appropriate \$80,000, which will later be reimbursed by grant funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
There is no net fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The \$80,000 appropriation will be fully reimbursed by the Office of Traffic Safety grant revenue. Accordingly, budgeted revenues will also be adjusted in the amount of \$80,000. The STEP grant does not require a match of City funds

BACKGROUND:
Since 2017, the Police Department has applied for and been awarded over \$400,000 in grant funding from the Office of Traffic Safety to support the City's efforts to improve traffic safety and reduce traffic collisions. Grant-funded activities include training, Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints, enhanced traffic safety enforcement in areas where drivers frequently speed, and enhanced distracted driving education and enforcement operations.

DISCUSSION:
In 2020, the Manhattan Beach Police Department applied for and was awarded a \$80,000 grant from the Office of Traffic Safety to continue to provide enhanced traffic enforcement and education efforts. The performance period of the grant is October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021.

Grant funding will provide training to officers in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. Grant activities will also include conducting DUI checkpoints and special enforcement operations, providing concentrated enforcement in areas where drivers

frequently speed and intersections where traffic collisions often occur, conducting pedestrian and bicycle safety details, conducting distracted driving education and enforcement operations, and promoting community awareness and education of traffic laws.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Traffic safety-related educational messaging and enforcement details will be publicized on the Police Department and City social media accounts, and via press releases. Publicizing the grant activities brings heightened awareness to traffic laws and enhances the overall effectiveness of our education and enforcement efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has reviewed the grant agreement and approved it as to form.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 20-0104
2. Agreement - California Office of Traffic Safety