



## 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

Julie Dahlgren, Senior Management Analyst

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the Amount of \$50,000 (Police Chief Abell).

**a) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0080**

**b) APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-0080 accepting the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount of \$50,000; and appropriate \$50,000 from unreserved General Fund moneys which will later be reimbursed by grant funds.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There is no net fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The grant will fully reimburse overtime, training, and equipment expenses related to the grant activities. An appropriation of \$50,000 from available unreserved General Fund moneys is necessary. Budgeted revenues will also be adjusted in the amount of \$50,000. The STEP grant does not require a match of City funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2017, the Police Department has applied for and been awarded over \$450,000 in grant funding from the OTS 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 2021, the Manhattan Beach Police Department applied for and was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the OTS to continue to provide enhanced traffic enforcement and education efforts. The performance period of the grant is October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

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. 21-0080
2. Agreement - California Office of Traffic Safety