



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: February 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Receive and File Notice of Application for FY27 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the application submitted by the Banning Police Department to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the FY27 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Banning Police Department has submitted an application for the FY27 OTS STEP Grant, a competitive state grant designed to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities through data-driven enforcement, education, and public awareness.

JUSTIFICATION:

The OTS STEP Grant supports targeted traffic safety efforts addressing impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and pedestrian safety—key issues affecting the City of Banning due to high traffic volumes and regional travel patterns. Participation in this program allows the Police Department to enhance enforcement, training, and outreach efforts while leveraging regional partnerships to improve roadway safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund associated with receiving and filing this grant application. Grant funding, if awarded, will be administered in accordance with OTS requirements and subject to future City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject and provide staff with alternate direction.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [FY27 STEP Application.pdf](#)