



City Council Staff Report

Subject: California State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Ratifying the Submission of the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Application for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and Accepting an Award in the amount of \$70,000 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Grant Agreement and Necessary Grant Documentation.

Background:

The State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is California's designated highway safety office that awards approximately 500 grants annually to state and local sub-recipients for innovative, evidence-based education and enforcement programs designed to improve the safety of everyone on California roads. Through federal funding made available to the states by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the OTS funds over \$140 million for programs that address the state's current and future traffic safety needs. The OTS mission is to deliver traffic safety programs to prevent people from being killed and seriously injured in California.

In January the Rocklin Police Department submitted a Grant Application to OTS for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The application complied with the guidance provided in the California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program Manual.

The application highlighted specific traffic accident primary collision factors and other influences that lead to fatal and/or injury collisions in 2024 like unsafe speed (19%), unsafe turning movements (13%), and driving while under the influence (12%). In addition, the application documented the continued significant problems related to distracted drivers/driving. In 2024 Rocklin Police Officers issued 699 cell phone citations, up from 615 citations in 2023 and 460 citations in 2022.

To address these primary collision factors and other influences, Rocklin's grant performance measures will include directed speed enforcement operations near collision sites, targeted enforcement operations at intersections where collisions were reported, and the performance

of scheduled enforcement operations near areas reporting unsafe turning maneuvers. The Department will also conduct highly visible and publicized directed enforcement operations to aggressively enforce cell phone laws.

On June 17, 2025 the authorizing officer of the Office of Traffic Safety accepted the City's submittal and tentatively approved an award in the amount of \$70,000. The final award agreement will be forthcoming September 2025 from the Office of Traffic Safety.

The Grant Agreement being presented today is the tentative document, pending the California Office of Traffic Safety's own funding award from the Federal Government. The California Office of Traffic Safety awards funding for California law enforcement agency award recipients from a yearly funding that they receive from the Federal Government.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation, and the grant funding does not require a City match. The recommendation includes the necessary budget authority to implement and administer the \$70,000 grant in the Traffic Safety/Police Grants Fund (244).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Email Notice of Tentative Award](#)
3. [Resolution Exhibit B -Tentative Draft Grant Agreement - PT26183 Rocklin PD](#)