



City Council Special Staff Report

Subject: California State Office of Traffic Safety - Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council Of The City of Rocklin Ratifying the Submission of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Application For Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and Accepting an Award in the Amount of \$75,000 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Grant Agreement and Necessary Grant Documentation.

Background:

The State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through grant funding made available to California by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), annually funds over \$100 million in innovative, evidence-based education and enforcement programs and technologies designed to make California's roadways safer. OTS works with approximately 300 state and local agencies to make the most effective use of federal grant program funds.

The OTS mission is to effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways.

On January 26, 2024, the Rocklin Police Department submitted a Grant Application to OTS for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for grant Number PT25114 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. The application was submitted in compliance 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 Rocklin, such as unsafe speed, failure to stop at red lights, and unsafe turning movements. In addition, it documented the significant problems related to distracted drivers/driving. In 2023, Rocklin Police Officers issued 615 cell phone citations, up from 460 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 Police Department would conduct highly visible and publicized directed enforcement operations to aggressively enforce cell phone laws.

This grant funding allows the Rocklin Police Department to conduct various valuable operations and training.

On July 8, 2024 the authorizing officer of the Office of Traffic Safety accepted the City's submittal and tentatively approved an award in the amount of \$75,000. On or about September 23, 2024 the Office of Traffic Safety approved the grant for the full amount of \$75,000.

The Grant Agreement being presented today is the final 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. This grant funding does not require a City match. The staff recommendation includes the necessary budgetary authority to implement and administer the grant in the Traffic Safety/Police Grants Fund (244).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Grant Agreement - PT25114 Rocklin Police Department](#)