



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

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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).

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 \$80 million dollars 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 25, 2023 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 Rocklin:

- 24% red light violations
- 19% unsafe speed
- 12% driving under the influence

In addition, it documented Rocklin's increase in cell phone citations due to distracted drivers by approximately 5% year over year. In 2022, Rocklin Police Officers issued 460 cell phone citations.

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

to address these factors and other influences. Rocklin's Grant performance measures will include:

- Ten (10) Safety and/or Awareness Campaigns
- Two (2) personnel become POST-certified NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- Two (2) personnel become POST-certified NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Two (2) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) check points
- Ten (10) DUI Saturation Patrol operations
- Twelve (12) Traffic Enforcement operations related to traffic accident primary collision factors
- Eight (8) Distracted Driving operations
- Two (2) Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operations
- One (1) Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Operation
- Two (2) Traffic Safety educational presentations
- One (1) personnel attend DUI Checkpoint Planning and Management training

On July 14, 2023, the authorizing officer of the Office of Traffic Safety tentatively approved the City's submittal, and on November 1, 2023, the Office of Traffic Safety approved this grant application for the full amount.

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:

This grant funding does not require a City match and there is no impact to the City General Fund. If the grant is accepted, a budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating Budget in the Police Department Grant Fund (244) will be necessary to account for and administer the grant, and will be incorporated in the next Quarterly Financial Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Grant Agreement](#)