

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 05/12/08		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization of the Acceptance of “Click It or Ticket” Grant Funds for Overtime Reimbursement from the California Office of Traffic Safety; and Authorization of a Budget Amendment to Appropriate said Funds.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lt. Manuel Ariza		Phone Number: (310) 253-6251	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List (05/07/08)			
Department Approval: Don Pedersen, Chief of Police (03/20/2008)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (05/06/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (05/07/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (05/07/08)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$7,468, awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety for overtime reimbursement to fund a seat belt enforcement program which will take effect between May 12, 2008 and June 1, 2008; and authorize a budget amendment to reflect the grant revenue and appropriation accounts.

A budget amendment requires a 4/5th vote of the City Council

BACKGROUND:

The California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Safety Administration, is contracting with the University of California, Berkeley, Traffic Safety Center to provide funds to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of conducting a seat belt enforcement program from May 12, 2008 to June 1, 2008.

The “Click It or Ticket” goal is to increase seat belt use statewide to 95.0% in 2008 through the combined efforts of the California Highway Patrol, Office of Traffic Safety and local law enforcement. The “Click It or Ticket” strategy during 2008 is to focus public information and enforcement on persons who fail to use seat belts. The Office of Traffic Safety will coordinate the public information element of the campaign one week prior to, during and after the 2008 National Mobilization period. The Culver City Police Department will also issue a press release prior to the enforcement period emphasizing the importance of using occupant restraint systems and announcing the seat belt enforcement period.

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The seat belt enforcement program will be conducted during daylight hours or at night in well-lit areas where the wearing, or not wearing, of seat belts by vehicle occupants can be observed by officers. Enforcement should be conducted in areas where seatbelt surveys were conducted prior to the enforcement program.

In Culver City during 2007, there were a total of 370 persons injured in collisions as compared to 303 persons injured in 2006, an increase of 22%. It has been proven that wearing a seal belt can decrease the possibility of injuries. By combining an enforcement program with a public education program, the Police Department is trying to reduce the number of persons injured in traffic collisions.

The Culver City Police Department is eligible to receive up to \$7,468.00 for the reimbursement of overtime in conducting the seat belt enforcement program between May 12 and June 1, 2008. The Police Department's application was accepted (Grant No. CT08101). However, due to time restraints in which the signed contract for the grant had to be submitted by March 14, 2008, the City Manager signed it so as to not lose this funding opportunity. The item is presented now for the City Council's information and approval.

PROPOSED USED OF FUNDS:

The \$7,468.00 will fund overtime reimbursements during the enforcement period.

MATCHING FUNDS:

There are no matching funds required.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The overtime used for the seat belt enforcement program are reimbursed and funded completely by the grant. The maximum allowed cost is \$7,468.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Completed grant application
2. Grant award letter, No. CT08101

MOTION:

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That the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety to fund overtime reimbursement for the "Click it or Ticket" program.
2. Appropriate \$7,468 from the California Office of Traffic Safety in Fiscal Year 2007/2008 in 41442700.341440 (revenue account - Sobriety Checkpoint Award Grant) and 41442700.411300 (expenditure account – Overtime) to fund overtime reimbursement costs.

A budget amendment requires a 4/5th vote of the City Council

3. Designate the City Manager, or his designee, as the authorized City official to execute and file all documents needed to implement the Sobriety Checkpoint grant offered by the California Office of Traffic Safety.