

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 12/3/2007		Item Number: A-5	
AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Sobriety Checkpoint Overtime Reimbursement Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and Authorize a Budget Amendment upon Approval of the Grant.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lt. Manuel Ariza		Phone Number: (310) 253-6260	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List (11/28/07)			
Department Approval: Don Pedersen, Chief of Police (11/19/07)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (11/28/07)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Marlee Chang (11/28/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (11/28/07)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the appropriation of a grant given by the California Office of Traffic Safety for overtime reimbursement to fund a total of two sobriety checkpoints from December 17, 2007 through January 3, 2008 and August 17, 2008 through September 3, 2008.

Staff also recommends a budget amendment to reflect the grant revenue and appropriation accounts. **(This 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 sobriety checkpoints during the holiday seasons to reduce the number of persons killed and/or injured in alcohol involved crashes.

Sobriety checkpoints are an effective way to maximize the deterrent effect and increase the apprehension of motorists who would operate a vehicle while impaired by alcohol. Studies in California and in other states point to the fact that cities conducting sobriety checkpoints report substantial reduction in alcohol related crashes. Additionally, organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the National Highway Safety Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board call sobriety checkpoints one of the most important DUI countermeasures available to law enforcement agencies.

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The Culver City Police Department is eligible to receive up to \$21,584.64 for the reimbursement of overtime in conducting two sobriety checkpoints during the winter holiday season of 2007/2008 and during the Labor Day holiday of 2008. The Police Department's application was accepted (Grant No. SC08101) and is pending based on the approval of the City Council.

Proposed Used of Funds:

The grant receipt in the amount of \$21,584.64 will fund overtime reimbursements for up to two sergeants and 20 officers at each of the sobriety checkpoints.

Length of Award:

The grant period is October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 and it cannot be extended.

Matching Funds:

There are no matching funds required.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The overtime used for the sobriety checkpoints is reimbursed and funded completely by the grant. The maximum allowed cost per checkpoint is \$10,792.32 for a total of \$21,584.64. Since the sobriety checkpoints will occur during two fiscal periods, the higher overtime rate of FY 2008/2009 was used to calculate the reimbursement to insure that there are no shortages and that it will not impact the General Fund.

The budget will be amended to reflect the grant revenue and appropriate the overtime expenditure in the same amount of \$10,792.32 each year for FY 2007/2008 and FY 2008/2009.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant information
2. Completed grant application
3. Grant award letter, No. SC08101
4. Resolution

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a sobriety checkpoint overtime reimbursement grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to fund overtime reimbursement for two sobriety checkpoints.
2. Contingent on City Council approval, authorize staff to amend the budget for the revenue and appropriation accounts to include up to \$10,792.32 in Fiscal Year 2007/2008 and up to \$10,792.32 in Fiscal Year 2008/2009 to reflect the grant revenues from the California Office of Traffic Safety. **(This 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.