



City of Culver City

Staff Report

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CC- Approval of an Application for \$238,080.00 in Grant Funds through the Fiscal Year 2019 California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

Meeting Date: January 22, 2018

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Fiscal Impact: Yes No

General Fund: Yes No

Public Hearing: **Action Item:** **Attachments:**

Commission Action Required: Yes No

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (01/17/18);

Department Approval: Chief Scott Bixby (01/09/18)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve an application for grant funds in the amount of \$238,080.00 through the FY 2019 California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) announced the availability of grant funds under STEP for Fiscal Year 2019. Through this program, OTS intends to administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce traffic deaths, injuries and economic losses. OTS has identified the following priority areas of concentration for funding:

- Alcohol-Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Drug-Impaired Driving
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

- Traffic Records
- Emergency Medical Services
- Roadway Safety
- Police Traffic Services
- Motorcycle Safety

The proposed grant will fund officer overtime costs to conduct Driving under the Influence (DUI) enforcement actions through the use of check points, saturation patrols, and traffic safety education presentations. The application also includes funding requests for officer overtime costs for enforcement details, warrant services and educational opportunities that focus on bicycle/pedestrian issues, distracted driving behavior and safe routes to school for school zone safety education and enforcement.

A more proactive approach toward DUI enforcement is a goal contained in the Police Department's current strategic plan. The grant application requests \$69,200.00 for DUI enforcement efforts. The requested funds will afford the Department the opportunity to conduct operations where efforts are focused specifically on DUI drivers.

Through adoption of the City's Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, the City Council provided policy direction regarding projects that the City Council generally supports. Such projects include: safe routes, various paths, and the creation of bicycle friendly streets. The STEP grant application requests the following officer overtime costs; \$40,500.00 to conduct bicycle/pedestrian education and enforcement operations, \$43,500.00 for safe routes to school, school zone safety education and enforcement operations and \$40,800.00 for Traffic Enforcement operations that focus on primary collision factor violations (unsafe speed, left turn and failing to yield to oncoming traffic and running red lights).

The grant application requests officer overtime costs to focus on enforcement for two other enforcement details; \$40,000.00 for Distracted Driving and \$1,600.00 for motorcycle safety education. Driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communications device is prohibited.

Other cost requests include \$480.00 for phlebotomy services (blood draws) and \$2,000.00 for a dedicated dispatcher for the DUI check points.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The funding amount being requested is \$238,080.00:

Personnel costs (overtime)	\$235,600.00
Phlebotomy services	\$ 480.00
Dedicated Dispatcher	\$ 2,000.00

There are no matching funds required. This is a reimbursement grant that requires quarterly reimbursement claim reports be submitted to the California OTS. The quarterly claims are to be

submitted within 30 days after the end of the quarter. The funds are reimbursed to the City 30 days following the approval of the claims report.

MOTION

That the City Council:

1. Approve an application for grant funds in the amount of \$238,080.00 through the FY 2019 California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP); and,
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.