



City of Culver City

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Staff Report

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CC - Approval of an Application for \$117,480.00 in Grant Funds through the Fiscal Year 2018 California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

Meeting Date: January 23, 2017

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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 (01/18/17);

Department Approval: Chief Scott Bixby (01/10/2017)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve an application for grant funds in the amount of \$117,480.00 through the FY 2018 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 2018. 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
- Emergency Medical Services
- Occupant Protection

- Motorcycle Safety
- Police Traffic Services
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Traffic Records and Roadway Safety
- School Zone 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 \$24,000.00 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; \$15,000.00 to conduct bicycle/pedestrian education and enforcement operations, \$40,800.00 for safe routes to school, school zone safety education and enforcement operations and \$16,200.00 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).

There were several new Motorist Laws that went into effect January 1, 2017. The grant application requests officer overtime costs to focus on enforcement for two new laws; \$18,000.00 for Use of Electronic Wireless Devices and \$3,000.00 for Motorcycle Lane Splitting. Driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communications device will be prohibited, unless the device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield or is mounted/ affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road. The driver's hand may only be used to activate or deactivate a feature or function on the device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger, but not while holding it. Motorcycle Lane Splitting defines "lane splitting" as driving a two-wheeled motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane.

Other cost requests include \$480.00 for phlebotomy services (blood draws).

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The funding amount being requested is \$117,480.00:

Personnel costs (overtime)	\$117,000.00
Direct Costs (Phlebotomy services)	\$ 480.00

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 \$117,480.00 through the FY 2018 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.