

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: September 10, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF \$292,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR A DUI ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROGRAM**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Police and Fire Commission recommend that the City Council approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$292,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), awarded to the City of Oceanside for the DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program; approve the appropriation of these funds to the Police Department; approve the grant budget; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute grant documents.

BACKGROUND

In January 2008, the Oceanside Police Department submitted a grant application to the OTS that included a request for \$211,034 in funding for overtime for sobriety and drivers license (DUI/DL) checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols and other special enforcement operations to target Vehicle Code violations that were primary collision factors. In May 2008, the OTS tentatively selected the Oceanside Police Department's funding request in the amount of \$272,216. This was later increased to \$292,000 due to revised OTS allocations. Final approval was contingent upon the Department's agreement to focus on DUI enforcement. The grant funds are to be expended over a one-year period beginning October 1, 2008, and ending on September 30, 2009.

The OTS recognized that the City of Oceanside has serious issues with drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs based on the local collision statistics and OTS rankings. At the same time, OTS faced reduced funding from the federal agencies and directives to focus on the issue of DUI drivers.

ANALYSIS

The Police Department plans to use the funds for the following projects within the Field Operations Division:

- Funding of \$214,567 to be utilized during the grant period for overtime for DUI/DL Checkpoints, warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders who violate terms of probation or fail to appear in court, “Court Sting” operations, and DUI Saturation Patrols.
- Funding of \$4,500 to be utilized during the grant period for Transport Services at the DUI/DL Checkpoints.
- Funding of \$4,000 to be utilized during the grant period for attending OTS conferences and seminars
- Funding of \$4,000 to be utilized during the grant period for educational items to inform the public of the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Funding of \$64,933 to be utilized during the grant period for equipment and supplies for the enforcement operations.

The goal of this grant program is to decrease the number of fatal, injury, and hit-and-run collisions within the City of Oceanside by targeting the repeat DUI violators who violate probation or fail to appear in court. The strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.

The Police Department’s Traffic Services Unit has a long and successful history of working with the OTS with the goal of making Oceanside’s streets safer. This grant will allow the Department to increase its efforts in removing DUI drivers from our roads.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Office of Traffic Safety will reimburse the Oceanside Police Department for overtime worked by officers for specific operations and for equipment and supplies purchased during the previous quarter. Administrative costs are not reimbursable under the conditions of this grant. There is no requirement for matching funds from the City of Oceanside.

The Financial Services Department will appropriate the grant funds into the revenue account 273 364077.4456 and transfer the funds to business unit 273 364077.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police and Fire Commission reviewed this matter at its regular monthly meeting on July 17, 2008, and recommended City Council approval of the Staff recommendations.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

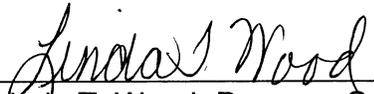
City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

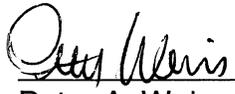
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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Grant Budget

DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program

State of California - Office of Traffic Safety Grant AL0917
EXPENDITURE PLAN

PROJECT #	DESCRIPTION	APPROPRIATION AMOUNT	DETAIL	Fund	Business Unit	Object Code
1	Personnel Costs	214,567.00				
1a	Overtime for Enforcement Operations		211,500.00	273	364077	. 5102
1b	Fringe Benefits for Overtime		3,067.00	273	364077	. 5108
2	Travel Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	273	364077	. 5291
3	Transport Services (for DUI/DL Checkpoints)	4,500.00	4,500.00	273	364077	. 5241
4	Equipment	40,000.00				
4a	DUI Equipment Trailer		20,000.00	273	364077	. 5393
4b	Light Towers		20,000.00	273	364077	. 5393
5	Miscellaneous Costs	28,933.00				
5a	Checkpoint Supplies		2,500.00	273	364077	. 5229
5b.	DUI Sniffer Flashlights		7,500.00	273	364077	. 5393
5c.	PAS Devices		8,433.00	273	364077	. 5393
5d.	Digital Camera		2,500.00	273	364077	. 5393
5e.	Computer		3,000.00	273	364077	. 5393
5f.	Educational Items		4,000.00	273	364077	. 5229
5g.	Printing/Duplication		1,000.00	273	364077	. 5226

Total Expenditure Appropriations 292,000.00