



# *STAFF REPORT*

# *CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

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DATE: October 16, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$219,578 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR DUI AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept \$219,578 in grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded to the City of Oceanside for DUI Checkpoints and Traffic Enforcement Programs; approve the grant budget; appropriate the funds to the Police Department; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the grant documents.

## **BACKGROUND**

In January 2013 the Oceanside Police Department (OPD) submitted a grant application to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and the University of California Berkeley (UC Berkeley) Safe Transportation Research & Education Center for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and the Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program. In May 2013, OTS notified OPD that the grant application had been accepted for funding of \$108,450 for the Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program and \$111,128 for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant funds are to be expended during the grant period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. OTS will be administering the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and has assigned UC Berkeley to administer the Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program.

## **ANALYSIS**

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 offenders who violate probation or fail to appear in court, and distracted drivers and motorcyclists who operate their vehicles unsafely. 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 continue its efforts in removing DUI drivers from our roads, and holding drivers and motorcyclists accountable for operating their vehicles safely in the City limits.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

- Funding of \$99,000 for overtime and benefits for 10 DUI Checkpoints.
- Funding of \$9,450 for checkpoints supplies.
- Funding of \$107,128 for DUI driver enforcement operations such as warrant, stakeout and court sting operations; and traffic enforcement operations such as motorcycle, distracted driver, and general traffic enforcement.
- Funding of \$4,000 for related conference travel expenses.

OTS and UC Berkeley will reimburse the City of Oceanside for overtime worked by officers on specific operations, travel to conferences and seminars, educational items, and supplies purchased during each 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 appropriations by business unit and object code are detailed below. Due to each grant program being administered by two separate entities, there are separate business units for the Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. If there is a negative cash balance at fiscal year-end due to a pending reimbursement from the grantor, the business unit will receive a temporary advance from the general fund that is not to exceed 60 business days.

<b>Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program – UC Berkeley 2013-14</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Business Unit/Object Code</b>
Overtime for DUI Operations	\$97,564	817133200273.5120
Benefits for Overtime	\$1,436	817133200273.5207
DUI Checkpoint Supplies	\$9,450	817133200273.5330
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$108,450</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$108,450</b>	817133200273.4382

<b>Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - OTS 2013-14</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Business Unit/Object Code</b>
Overtime for Operations	\$105,595	817133500273.5120
Benefits for Overtime	\$1,533	817133500273.5207
Travel & Conference Expenses	\$4,000	817133500273.5345
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$111,128</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$111,128</b>	817133500273.4382

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Police and Fire Commission will be advised of this matter at its regular meeting on October 17, 2013.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept \$219,578 in grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded to the City of Oceanside for DUI Checkpoints and Traffic Enforcement Programs; approve the grant budget; appropriate the funds to the Police Department; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the grant documents.

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