

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: October 1, 2019
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Police Department
Presentation By: Kim Slade, Traffic Sergeant

Summary

Subject: Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant, to include DUI Enforcement and Education Efforts

Recommendation:

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing, and after consideration;
- B. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept \$83,000 in grant funding from the 2019/2020 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and approve expenditure recommendations;
- C. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 to Account No. 100-43409, 2198-61430, 2198-62801, and 2198-63801.

Fiscal Impact: \$83,000 to Account No. 100-43409 (OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant) – No City match required.

Purpose:

Reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions.

Background:

In January 2019, the Yuba City Police Department submitted a grant to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant offered by the California Office of Traffic Safety. In May 2019 the Department received award notification for the grant with authorization to receive funds in the amount of \$83,000. No matching funds are required by the City of Yuba City to accept the grant. This grant runs in accordance with the Federal Fiscal year 10/01/19-09/30/20.

Analysis:

For many years, the Department has had a positive working relationship with the California Office of Traffic Safety. Again this year, we were selected for funding to maintain an aggressive stance towards those individuals who continue to operate a motor vehicle in our community while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. This grant will allow the department to continue to combat impaired drivers in our community. While having an impaired driving portion, this grant also allows for other directed enforcement operations. These operations deploy officers within the City with a primary goal of reducing injury collisions through targeting

primary collision factors such as speed and red light enforcement in areas with a high frequency of collisions.

The goal of the grant is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. "Best practice" strategies will be conducted on an overtime basis. The funded strategies include DUI saturation patrols, speed enforcement, and red light and distracted driver enforcement. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect. The California Office of Traffic Safety has designed these operations and the funding for them to be done in addition to our daily duties, thus making an additional impact on traffic safety.

In addition to overtime funding, the grant will cover the cost of new dash mounted RADAR/LIDAR equipment (\$5,020). An additional \$2,357 is designated for educational materials, DUI checkpoint supplies and \$20,000 for a new radar/message trailer.

The grant will also fund training and certification for one officer to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). DRE personnel enhance the Department's ability to investigate and assist in prosecution of DUI drug offenders. DUI arrests have risen sharply in recent years and remains a priority for the police department in reducing alcohol and / or drug related collision deaths and injuries.

Fiscal Impact:

The City will be reimbursed \$83,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety. No matching funds are required for this grant. Funds will be drawn down through Account No. 2198-61430 (\$53,135) for personnel overtime costs, No. 2198-62801 (\$2,488) for travel and training, and No. 2198-63801 (\$27,377) for direct costs associated with the grant.

Alternatives:

Do not accept the grant and / or direct staff to research alternatives.

Recommendation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept \$83,000 in grant funding from the 2019/2020 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and approve expenditure recommendations
- B. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 to Account No. 100-43409, 2198-61430, 2198-62801, and 2198-63801.

Attachment:

A: Resolution

Prepared By:

/s/ Kim Slade

Kim Slade
Traffic Sergeant

Submitted By:

/s/ Michael Rock

Michael Rock
City Manager

Reviewed By:

Department Head

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City Attorney

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Note:

Public Hearing notification requirements have been met.

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF THE FY 2018-2019
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT "SELECTIVE TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM"**

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Police Department submitted for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant offered by the California Office of Traffic Safety, and received an award notification for the grant with authorization to receive funds in the amount of \$83,000.

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions, and will be used to cover the cost of new dash mounted RADAR/LIDAR equipment, educational materials, DUI checkpoint supplies, and a new radar/message trailer; and

WHEREAS, the grant will also fund training and certification for one officer to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Council desires to undertake the projects designated as the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program to be funded in part from funds made available through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

1. The Chief of Police of the City of Yuba City is authorized, on its behalf, to execute a contract, including any extensions or amendments thereof and any subsequent contract with the State and the OTS in relation thereto, to effectuate acceptance of the grant for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.
2. The City agrees that any liability arising out of the performance of this contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OTS disclaim responsibility for any such liability.
3. Grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.
4. This award is not subject to local hiring freezes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Yuba City Council of Yuba City in a meeting thereof held on October 1, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Shon Harris, Mayor

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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