

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 20, 2016
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Police Department
Presentation By: Jim Runyen, Traffic Sergeant

Summary

Subject: Office of Traffic Safety Grant, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Recommendation: A. Conduct a Public Hearing, and
B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the 2016/2017 Office of Traffic Safety Grant titled Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the amount of \$90,000 and approve expenditure recommendations. Further, authorize the Finance Director to make budget adjustments as necessary.

Fiscal Impact: \$90,000 account 100-43409 (OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant) – No City match required.

Purpose:

To accept a no-match grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to further the City's traffic safety efforts.

Background:

In January 2016, the Yuba City Police Department submitted a grant titled Selective Traffic Enforcement Program to the California Office of Traffic Safety. In May 2016 the department received notification we were selected to receive funds in the amount of \$90,000. 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 10/01/16-09/30/17.

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 he or she is 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 accidents.

The goals of the grant are to reduce the persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. "Best practice" strategies will be conducted on an overtime basis. The funded strategies include among

other directed enforcement strategies; DUI saturation patrols, speed enforcement, red light, and distracted driver enforcement. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect. In addition to overtime costs the grant will cover the cost of three PAS (preliminary alcohol screening) flashlights (up to \$4,000) which combine a high intensity flashlight and a dynamic sampling system and a miniature alcohol sensor to analyze ambient air, breath, open containers or enclosed spaces for the presence of alcohol during DUI enforcement. The PAS devices will assist officers to identify intoxicated drivers through a preliminary roadside screening process. The grant will cover the cost of an Impairment Detection Instrument (\$4,995) which will record eyes of the test subject during DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) examinations. Additionally, the grant will 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 \$90,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety. No matching funds are required for this grant. Funds will be drawn down through account 2198-61430 (\$71,930) for personnel overtime costs, 2198-62801 (\$5,575) for travel and training, and 2198-63801 (\$12,495) for direct costs associated with the grant.

Alternatives:

Not accept the grant or direct staff to research additional alternatives.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the 2016/2017 Office of Traffic Safety grant titled Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the amount of \$90,000 and approve expenditure recommendations. Further, authorize the Finance Director to make budget adjustments as necessary.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF THE FY
2016-2017 CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT "SELECTIVE
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM"**

WHEREAS, The Yuba City Council desires to undertake a certain project designated as 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 that 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 in relation thereto.

IT IS AGREED 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

IT IS ALSO AGREED that 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 September 20, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

John Buckland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, Chief Deputy City Clerk