



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM

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Report: 2020-2021 Grant from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, for distracted driving, Vehicle Code, bicycle, pedestrian, and driving under the influence violations

1. Motion Accepting \$293,500 in Grant Funds and Authorizing Grant Participation.

### COUNCIL ACTION

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**Item Type:** Consent Calendar

**Approved for** September 1, 2020 **calendar**

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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It is requested that the City Council approve the attached motion accepting \$293,500 in grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety for the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" to be conducted by the Glendale Police Department.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

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In January of 2020, the Police Department submitted a grant request to the California Office of Traffic Safety for a program designed to increase enforcement that concentrates in the areas of speed violations and distracted driving. After reviewing the proposal through a competitive process, the Office of Traffic Safety advised that the City of Glendale is eligible for \$293,500 in funding for this program. The city will utilize the majority of the grant funding for specialized field operations. Specifically, the city will use the funds to pay for overtime for police officers, community service officers, support staff, and supervisors when engaged in field based education and enforcement activities between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

The grant's primary focus is enforcement of distracted driving, primary collision factor violations, bicycle and/or pedestrian violations, motorcycle related violations and enforcement against driving under the influence. The City of Glendale and the Glendale Police Department have a longstanding tradition of proactive enforcement with respect to traffic related issues including efforts directed at both pedestrian and speed related violations. The Glendale Police Department believes additional education and enforcement will reduce the accident rate in the City of Glendale.

The grant includes funding for the following thirty-seven enforcement field operations:

- Four DUI/Driver's License checkpoints;
- Sixteen saturation patrols concentrating on impaired driving;
- Ten traffic enforcement operations, including but not limited to, primary collision factor violations;
- Two enforcement operations will focus on distracted driving (cell phone use/texting) violations;
- Four bicycle and/or pedestrian operations;
- One motorcycle safety enforcement operation.

Additionally, the grant covers four traffic safety educational presentations to the community and five "Know Your Limits" alcohol consumption education operations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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The city will contribute the administrative time required to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant. The overtime costs associated with the education and enforcement activity conducted under the auspices of this program are funded through the grant. There is no requirement to provide matching funds. The city will not be reimbursed for liability insurance, which is 4.97% of each salary paid, or approximately \$11 thousand.

The grant funding was appropriated through the FY 2020-21 annual budget process and will be allocated in the following accounts:

Revenue	32871-2610-GPD-0020- GPD00470AG	\$ 293,500
Overtime/Benefits	41200-2610-GPD-0020- GPD00470AG	\$ 276,829
Contractual Services	43110-2610-GPD-0020- GPD00470AG	\$ 8,000
Travel	44550-2610-GPD-0020- GPD00470AG	\$ 5,683
Supplies	45350-2610-GPD-0020- GPD00470AG	\$ 2,988

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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Alternative 1: Approve as requested by the Police Department.

Alternative 2: Deny the Police Department's request.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

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Not applicable.

## **EXHIBITS**

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None.