



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

### **AGENDA ITEM**

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Report: 2022-2023 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 to approve the Glendale Police Department's participation in the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$285,000.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Item Type:** Consent Calendar

**Approved for** September 27, 2022 **calendar**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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To accept \$285,000 in grant funds 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.

## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

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N/A

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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Adopt the attached motion accepting \$285,000 in grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety for the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" to be conducted by the Glendale Police Department.

## **BACKGROUND**

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The California Office of Traffic Safety for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program uses best practice strategies to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary crash factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary crash factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.

## **ANALYSIS**

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In December 2021, 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 \$285,000 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, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

The City of Glendale and the Glendale Police Department have a longstanding practice 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-nine enforcement field operations:

- Four DUI/Driver's License checkpoints;
- Fifteen saturation patrols concentrating on impaired driving;
- Eleven 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;
- Two “Know Your Limits” alcohol consumption education operations.

Additionally, the grant covers four traffic safety educational presentations to the community.

## **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

Participation in this program provides the Glendale Police Department the ability to educate the public regarding the dangers of impaired driving, enforce impaired driving laws on the roadway, and improve its effectiveness through training and development of new strategies.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY2022-23 State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program award in the amount of \$285,000 was included as a part of the FY2022-23 approved budget. No new appropriation is being requested at this time. The City Council approved funding is outlined below:

<b>Existing Appropriation</b>		
<b>Amount</b>	<b>Account String</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
\$271,251	GL: 41100-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000 PL: GPD00922AG	Police Special Grant Fund - Labor
\$3,591	GL: 44550-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000 PL: GPD00922AG	Police Special Grant Fund – Travel
\$7,600	GL: 43110-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000 PL: GPD00922AG	Police Special Grant Fund – Contractual Services
\$2,558	GL: 45350-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000 PL: GPD00922AG	Police Special Grant Fund – Supplies

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

This item is considered a ministerial activity and therefore, not subjected to CEQA/NEPA review. There is no possibility that the acceptance of this award may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3))

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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Alternative 1: Adopt the attached motion accepting \$285,000 in grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety for the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" to be conducted by the Glendale Police Department.

Alternative 2: Deny the Police Department's request. If the request is denied, the Police Department will not be able to utilize the grant funding for traffic enforcement operations.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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None.