



# STAFF REPORT

---

October 11, 2023  
File Number 0480-70

---

## SUBJECT

**FY 2023-24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

## DEPARTMENT

Police Department

## RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 2023-134 authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a FY 2023-24 California Office of Traffic Safety (“OTS”) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$25,000; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. The Police Department will use grant funds to pay for police officer overtime for educational programs related to bicycle and pedestrian safety, and to provide bicycle helmets, educational materials and safety supplies to community members.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

This action will have no impact on the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget. Grant funds will be used for expenses related to traffic safety educational activities and traffic safety supplies. Funding will cover expenses from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

The City Council authorized the Escondido Police Department to accept a FY 2022-23 California OTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$25,000 on October 12, 2022.

## BACKGROUND

The Escondido Police Department will work to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety by providing safety equipment coupled with educational programs and safety materials. The goal is to reduce the number of collisions with injuries and fatalities involving bicycles and pedestrians.



# CITY *of* ESCONDIDO

## STAFF REPORT

The Escondido Police Department has established partnerships with community-based organizations to reach our target audience – school age children and senior citizens in the community. The Police Department partners with community-based organization Escondido Education COMPACT to provide bicycle safety rodeos, and safe walk home programs. Safety equipment such as bicycle helmets, reflective bands, bicycle lights, and zipper pulls will be distributed thanks to this grant funding.

The Police Department also partners with the Park Avenue Senior Center and the Redwood Terrace Senior Community to increase awareness of traffic safety for seniors. Many seniors walk from their homes to exercise, socialize, or to go shopping. Busy streets and uncontrolled intersections can be problematic. The educational program for our senior community members has been successful in the past, and the OTS grant funds will assist in keeping our seniors safe.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No. 2023-134

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Attachment "1" – Budget Adjustment