



Folsom City Council

Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	2/10/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11551 A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Offered by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, and Purchase of Police Vehicles
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11551 – A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Program Offered by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, and Purchase of Police Vehicles.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

Enhancing Road Safety Through Proactive Measures

From 2020 to 2024, Folsom experienced collisions involving impaired drivers, resulting in injuries and fatalities. However, in 2025, thanks to grant-funded proactive saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints, the city saw a **66% decrease in DUI-related traffic collisions**. Officers conducted 212 arrests for driving under the influence during patrol operations and dedicated enforcement efforts. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to ensuring our streets are safe for everyone.

In 2025, Folsom experienced 1,534 vehicle collisions, resulting in 549 investigations, 328 people injured and 6 fatalities. In addition to DUI related collisions, unsafe speed continues to represent the highest primary collision factor in these cases, and in 2025, 1,256 citations

were issued for speed. Furthermore, distracted driving continued to present safety concerns in Folsom, and in 2025, 192 citations were issued for distracted driving. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to ensuring our streets are safe for everyone.

Securing Funding for Future Initiatives

To further these safety goals, the Folsom Police Department intends to apply for a **State of California grant** from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This funding is crucial and will be used for:

- **DUI checkpoints** and other enforcement activities
- **Pedestrian and bicycle enforcement**
- **Motorcycle safety enforcement**
- **Traffic safety educational presentations** to promote safe driving
- **The acquisition of two new police motorcycles**

This grant will allow the police department to continue its proactive approach to road safety, building on the progress already made and ensuring Folsom remains a safe community.

POLICY / RULE

City Council Resolution 8367 states that grant applications, including any requiring an ongoing commitment of resources or staff, shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to submittal.

ANALYSIS

Law Enforcement grants provide financial assistance to allied agencies for the education, prevention, and the enforcement of laws related to dangerous driving, including speeding, distracted driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. The intent of these programs is to educate the public and enforcement of driving laws on the roadway, to improve the Organization/Agency's effectiveness through training and development of new strategies. Each of these action items will help reduce the number of vehicle collisions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The State of California through the Office of Traffic Safety is offering the grant with no local matching funds required. If awarded, staff will return to request the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the grant award, and also request an increase in revenue estimates and appropriations in the General Grant Fund (Fund 012). Costs would be funded initially through the General Grant Fund (Fund 012) and reimbursed by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 11551 – A Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant offered by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, and Purchase of Police Vehicles.

Submitted,

Adam Green, Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 11551

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT OFFERED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) TO REDUCE AND MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF IMPAIRED DRIVING, DISTRACTED DRIVING, SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT, AND PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom Police Department is requesting the City Council authorize the Police Department to apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant for the Period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety; and,

WHEREAS, selective enforcement of the primary causes of collisions are an effective way to deter motorists would speed, drive while under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, drive while distracted, or otherwise drive unsafe, thereby reducing fatal and injury collisions; and,

WHEREAS, the grant monies will be used to reimburse personnel overtime costs associated with selective traffic enforcement and the training of officers in the detection, apprehension and prosecution of impaired drivers; and,

WHEREAS, the grant monies will be used to conduct community outreach programs through educational presentations and campaigns; and,

WHEREAS, the grant monies will be used to purchase police motorcycles, including communication radios and associated emergency equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the grant monies require no local matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby authorizes the Police Department to apply for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), which will provide funding to conduct selective traffic enforcement geared at reducing the number of fatal and injury collisions in the City and additional traffic vehicles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers:

Justin Raithel, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK