



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	10/28/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11492- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant offered by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the Amount of \$173,500 to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, Purchase a Police Motorcycle and Appropriation of Funds in the General Grants Fund (Fund 012)
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No.11492- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Program offered by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the Amount of \$173,500 to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, Purchase a Police Motorcycle and Appropriation of Funds in the General Grants Fund (Fund 012).

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

Enhancing Road Safety Through Proactive Measures

From 2019 to 2023, Folsom experienced collisions involving impaired drivers, resulting in injuries and fatalities. However, in 2024, thanks to proactive saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints, the city saw a **19% decrease in DUI-related traffic collisions**. Officers conducted 204 arrests for driving under the influence during patrol operations and dedicated enforcement efforts.

In 2024, Folsom experienced 1,416 vehicle collisions, resulting in 563 investigations, 299 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 2024, 1,760 citations were issued for speed. Furthermore, distracted driving continued to present safety concerns in Folsom, and in 2024, 207 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 successfully applied for a **State of California grant** from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). In October 2025, the department was awarded **\$173,500**. 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 purchase of specialized equipment** including ticket printers
- **The acquisition of a new police motorcycle**

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 Department of the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City grant funding in the amount of \$173,500 with no local matching funds required. If accepted, the grant award would increase revenue estimates and appropriations by \$173,500

in the General Grants Fund (Fund 012). Costs would be funded initially through the General Grants Fund (Fund 012) and reimbursed by the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No.11492- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Program offered by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the Amount of \$173,500 to Reduce and Mitigate the Impacts of Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement, Purchase a Police Motorcycle and Appropriation of Funds in the General Grants Fund (Fund 012)
2. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) conditional approval funding letter

Submitted,

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