



CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Chief of Police to Execute the Grant Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety to Accept the FY 2020 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant and approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,000
Category:	Consent Calendar-Public Safety
Meeting Date:	9/3/2019
Staff Contact:	Captain Jared Hernandez, 408-586-2406
Recommendation:	Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Grant Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety to accept the FY 2020 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in the amount of \$83,000 and approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 to the Police Department overtime budget.

Background:

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is administering the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program 2020 (STEP) that offers grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety to reimburse law enforcement agencies for overtime expenditures specifically directed towards Traffic Safety Operations.

Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic related collisions involving impaired and other primary collision factors. The funded strategies may include enforcement operations focusing on impaired driving, distracted driving, nighttime seatbelt use, motorcycle safety, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. Operations are conducted in areas with a disproportionate number of traffic collisions. Other funded strategies may include public education and training for law enforcement.

The City of Milpitas has been approved for a grant of \$83,000.00 to conduct driving under the influence (DUI) saturation patrols, DUI checkpoints, traffic enforcement operations, distracted driving enforcement, motorcycle safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, public education, equipment, and training on an overtime basis in conjunction with STEP between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

Analysis:

The City of Milpitas is not required to accept the OTS STEP grant funding; however, traffic safety is a paramount concern in the City of Milpitas and this funding will help address traffic safety issues throughout the City. If accepted, the City of Milpitas must agree to utilize the funding for enforcement, public education, and/or training related to specific traffic safety issues on an overtime basis. Examples of specific issues include but are not limited to: DUI, distracted driving, seat belt violation, and pedestrian/bicycle safety. Enforcement and public education are important components to reducing collisions and saving lives. The spending period for this funding begins October 1, 2019 and concludes on September 30, 2020.

Policy Alternatives:

Alternative 1:

Do not accept the overtime reimbursement funding from the FY2020 OTS STEP Grant.

Pro: None

Con: The Milpitas Police Department would not be able to increase overtime enforcement, education, or training towards traffic safety.

Alternative 2:

Accept the overtime reimbursement funding from the FY 2020 OTS STEP Grant.

Pro: The Milpitas Police Department will expand enforcement, education, and training towards roadway safety.

Con: None.

Fiscal Impact:

The overtime expenditures will be reimbursed by the OTS STEP grant funding. This expense will not impact the Police Department's operating budget.

California Environmental Quality Act:

Not applicable

Recommendations:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to execute the Grant Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety to accept the grant for the 2020 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.
- 2) Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,000 into the Police Department overtime budget as a result of acceptance of the 2020 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant.

Attachments:

- a) Resolution
- b) OTS STEP Grant 2020 Agreement
- c) Budget Change Form