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DATE: July 6, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Travis Sanborn, Finance Director

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Accept Grant Funding from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program to Reduce Impaired Driving in the City of Rio Dell

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt Resolution 1585-2023 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept the “Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP)” and enter into the resultant grant agreement and any amendments to fund impaired driving detection/investigation training for officers, community educational programs and supplemental impaired driving enforcement. The tentative grant allocation is \$5,159.99 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In November 2016, California voters passed AB 64: Cannabis: Licensure and Regulation as a statewide initiative legalizing the cultivation, sale, and adult use of marijuana. As a result, and pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code 34019 (f)(3)(B), the State was required to set aside tax funding for the CHP to provide grants to local governments and qualified non-profit organizations. This section states that the grant funding is to be used for the “*education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis; programs that help enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic losses from collisions; and for the purchase of equipment related to enforcement of laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis.*”

The Rio Dell Police Department has received notice of conditional approval for grant funding. CHP requires the local governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing the Rio Dell Police Department to receive the grant funding.

The purpose of this grant funding is to address impaired driving, including opportunities and projects to prevent the loss of life, injuries, and property damage caused by driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. These funds are to be used for training, education, prevention, equipment, and the enforcement of laws related to DUI of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis and cannabis products.

Grant funds will assist our training program. Training officers in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) will enhance our overall effectiveness as a department in detecting, deterring, and apprehending impaired drivers. The purchase of Field Presumptive Testing equipment will contribute to our effectiveness and overall efficiency and will greatly assist officers in their DUI detection patrol efforts.

Grant funding builds upon our current traffic safety efforts by allowing officers opportunities in saturation enforcement to address impaired driving- in addition to and outside of their regularly scheduled duties. Additionally, the funds provide opportunities for community outreach with an emphasis on impaired driving through education including many types of media. The Police Department requests this funding be approved to enhance our current efforts to provide a safe environment to every individual who utilizes the City of Rio Dell sidewalks and roadways. These efforts will include a partnership with the Rio Dell community through outreach and education regarding traffic safety and impaired driving.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 1585-2023
- Department of California Highway Patrol Grant Agreement