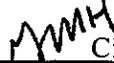




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Prepared By: Alex Arnett, Police Officer  Agenda Item No. I-7  
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**DATE:** August 30, 2007

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** John Crombach, Chief of Police   
Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement and Awareness Program Grant

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council authorize the Chief of Police to submit an application to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for \$450,000 in grant funds for the "DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program."

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Oxnard and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has enjoyed a very productive working relationship over the past several years. During this time, OTS has provided funding for programs that help reduce the amount of fatal and injury-related traffic collisions within our city. A major emphasis has been related to keeping DUI drivers off of our roadways, and to educate our residents about the dangers of drinking and driving. While working in conjunction with OTS, we have experienced significant decreases in the number of fatal and injury-related traffic collisions, along with reductions in alcohol-related incidents. While we have experienced success in our proactive efforts, there is more work that needs to be done. Continued enforcement and education is paramount in order to keep the citizens of Oxnard safe from DUI drivers.

Improving the quality of life and protecting everyone who drives within the City of Oxnard is extremely important. We can accomplish these goals by reducing the amount of alcohol related traffic collisions. Taking innovative and proactive approaches to DUI enforcement, continued public education aimed at the youth in our community, and maximum enforcement on all DUI related crimes are the strategies employed in this grant.

With this grant, we will add an additional police officer to the Traffic Division. This police officer will be primarily dedicated to DUI enforcement. The officer will work evening shift and weekend nights that predominantly see higher activity for DUI drivers. A fully equipped police motorcycle with a speed monitoring device will be purchased with this grant to assist the officer with their duties. The

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salary for this officer will be paid by the grant for the first year (10/1/07 through 9/30/08), which is an estimated cost of \$78,750. During the second year (10/1/08 through 9/30/09), this grant will pay for 50% of the officer's salary. The estimated cost for 50% of the officer's salary is \$39,375. The City would contribute the other half of the officer's salary, which is an estimated cost of \$39,375, for a total cost of \$78,750. At the end of the two year grant, the City would support the full cost to continue the position.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact for approval of this recommendation to submit the grant application. Staff will return to Council upon receipt of the grant to appropriate the funds and authorize the position.

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Note: The DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program Grant application has been provided to the City Council. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday.

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