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Prepared By: Randy Latimer, Traffic Sergeant Agenda Item No. I-11

Reviewed By: City Manager City Attorney Finance Other *(Specify)*

DATE: July 13, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **State of California Grant for DUI Enforcement and Education**

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for $250,000 to the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements.
3. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grants claims and approve Special Budget Appropriations for the use of grant funds.
4. Authorizing the Chief of Police or designee to submit non-financial reports.

DISCUSSION

The State of California, OTS has offered grant funding to assist the City in reducing the impact DUI driving has on our community. The Police Department wishes to apply for the grant titled "DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program" in the amount of $250,000.

Over the past 15 years, OTS has provided funding for programs that help reduce the amount of fatal and injury-related traffic collisions within the City. A major emphasis has been related to keeping DUI drivers off our roadways and to educating City residents about the dangers of drinking and driving. While working in conjunction with OTS, the number of fatal and injury-related traffic collisions in the City has decreased. In addition, alcohol related incidents have also decreased.

This new funding will allow continued enforcement and education in order to keep the residents of Oxnard safe from DUI drivers. The City can accomplish this goal by reducing the amount of alcohol-related traffic collisions. Taking different proactive approaches to DUI enforcement, continued public education aimed at the youth in our community, and maximum enforcement on all DUI related crimes are strategies employed in this grant.

The City of Oxnard continues to rank high in alcohol-involved, fatal and injury traffic collisions, as well as in hit and run traffic collisions when compared to similar-sized cities. Hit and run drivers are often times intoxicated or unlicensed at the time of the collision and flee the scene to avoid apprehension and prosecution.

This grant looks at continuing with proactive approaches to combating DUI collisions and will allow the Police Department to continue conducting warrant operations that target multiple DUI offenders who have violated their probation terms and have failed to appear in court.

This grant also looks at targeting the "worst of the worst" and repeat DUI offenders. These offenders are drivers who are already on probation and have suspended or revoked driver licenses; however, these offenders continue to drive motor vehicles and more importantly, drive while intoxicated. Officers will continue to conduct surveillance operations that will result in the arrest of these offenders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will not require a local match contribution from the general fund. A special budget appropriation will be requested upon grant award.

Attachment #1 - City Council Resolution approving submittal of grant application

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DUI ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 12,053 sets out the procedures by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for $250,000.00 in Office of Traffic Safety grant funds, to be used for DUI enforcement and awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to approve the submittal of a grant application by the City Manager for grant funds to be used for DUI enforcement and awareness from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements; the Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Chief of Police or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th day of July, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for

Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

7.19.10

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
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