DATE: January 29, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: Jeri Williams, Chief of Police
Police Department
SUBJECT: State of California Grant for Selective Traffic Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit an application for $307,544.80 in grant funds to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), to be used for the FY-2015/16 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.
2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements.
3. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve budget appropriations for the use of grant funds upon award.
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 number of injury and fatal traffic collisions that occur on our City’s roadways. The Police Department wishes to apply for the grant titled “Selective Traffic Enforcement Program” in the amount of $307,544.80. Over the past 20 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 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) drivers off our roadways and 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 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. This grant will also provide funding to address the issue of collisions related to other unsafe driving habits such as speeding, following too close and distracted driving.

This grant looks at continuing with proactive and innovative 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**

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant does not require a local match contribution.

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
SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT 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 $307,544.80 in Office of
Traffic Safety grant funds, to be used for selective traffic enforcement.

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 selective
traffic enforcement and resolves to recognize grant revenue in the amount of $307,544.80 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
designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve 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 24th day of February 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Timothy B. Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen M. Fischer, Interim City Attorney