



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 11/05/2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Sheriff Bill Brown
Contact Info: Lieutenant Brian Thielst (805-681-4133)
SUBJECT: Accept \$70,000 grant for STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) from the California Office of Traffic Safety/National Highway Traffic Safety Association for the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign a grant agreement with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$70,000; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(4), in that it is a government fiscal or funding activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This grant focuses on reducing the number of persons killed or injured in crashes involving alcohol/drugs and other primary collision factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary collision factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian collisions, and educational programs.

Background:

The California Office of Traffic Safety, through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, strive to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries by administering traffic safety grants to local and state public agencies that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions. The Sheriff's Office have been utilizing grants provided through OTS since 2002, and specifically the STEP grant process since 2014. The grant activities will focus within the City of Goleta, along with the county areas adjacent to the City.

Performance Measure:

This STEP grant will focus on reducing traffic related deaths and injuries through related enforcement activities, officer trainings, and public education.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Expenses consist of overtime for Sheriff staff to participate in the grant activities, travel costs to State conferences related to the grant goals, and DUI checkpoint supplies and will be tracked using the project code 2693. Any funds remaining at the end of FY2019-20 will be budgeted in the FY2020-21 budget process.

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to Hope Vasquez, CFO, Sheriff's Office

Attachments:

Grant #PT20165 agreement

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