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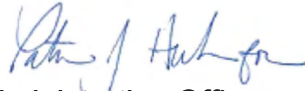
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To: The Mayor and Council



From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated September 22, 2021; referred for report on October 5, 2021

Subject: **2021-22 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$5,076,000 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022;
 - b. Execute the 2021-22 STEP Grant Agreement on behalf of the City and submit the necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Execute a Professional Services Agreement with one selected vendor, for a term of twelve months within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$50,000, for the provision of phlebotomist services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$5,076,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70; and,

- c. Prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions;

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$5,076,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the disbursement of the FY 2021-22 STEP grant funds;
- b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the FY 2021-22 STEP grant, account number to be determined, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn, \$ 4,000,000
Account No. 001090, Overtime Civilian, \$ 200,000

4. Authorize the City Clerk to:

- a. Place the following action relative to the FY 2021-22 STEP Grant on the City Council Agenda on July 1, 2022 or on the first meeting day thereafter:

Authorize the Controller to transfer from Fund No. 339, Department 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn, \$ 555,800
Account No. 001090, Overtime Civilian, \$ 42,000

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$5,076,000 grant award for the 2021-22 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Grant funds will provide support for the implementation of the STEP to address traffic safety issues. There are no matching funds required.

Over the past year, over 500 people were killed or injured in driving under the influence (DUI) traffic crashes in the City of Los Angeles. The increase in DUI individuals on the roadways of the City is evident based on the results of DUI checkpoints coordinated by the Department. In 2018, 72 percent of the drivers arrested at DUI checkpoints were for alcohol intoxication and 28 percent for drug impairment, or a combination of both alcohol and drug influence. In 2020, 55 percent of the drivers arrested at DUI checkpoints were for alcohol and 45 percent for drugs or a combination of both alcohol and drugs.

In the City of Los Angeles, the leading primary crash factors (PCF) identified in traffic collisions were speed, right of way, and pedestrian violations. In 2020, the top three PCFs accounted for 81 percent (189) of the total number of 233 fatal traffic collisions, and 64 percent (11,046) of the total number of 17,284 injury traffic collisions. Funding from the FY 2021-22 STEP Grant will help address this issue by utilizing enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions. The State of California, OTS, awarded the LAPD \$5,076,000 in grant funds to focus on DUI and traffic enforcement.

The FY 2021-22 STEP Grant will be managed and coordinated through the LAPD’s Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, within the Transit Services Bureau, and funds will primarily be utilized to deploy police officers on an overtime basis in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and personal injuries due to traffic collisions. Overtime funding will be utilized to support the following activities:

- DUI/Driver License Checkpoints;
- DUI Saturation Patrols;
- Distracted Driver Enforcement Details;
- Motorcycle Safety Details;
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Details;
- Street Racing Enforcement Operations;
- Primary Collision Factor Enforcement Details; and,
- Traffic Safety Presentations.

Under the grant agreement, the State of California, OTS, will reimburse the City for expenses incurred as follows:

Expense Category	Amount
Sworn Overtime	\$ 4,555,800
Civilian Overtime	242,000
In-State Travel	6,000
Out-of-State Travel	8,000
Radar/Message Board Trailer	36,000
DUI Checkpoint Supplies	88,200
Lidar Traffic Enforcement Devices	90,000
Contractual Services	50,000
Total	\$ 5,076,000

A Professional Services Agreement will be executed to provide phlebotomist services at DUI checkpoints, and to assist with DUI investigations during the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The Department has procured and obtained bids and selected Vital Medical Services, LLC as the vendor for this contract. Specific travel has not been identified; however, it will be selected to support the goals and objectives of the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the FY 2021-22 STEP grant award totaling \$5,076,000. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

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