



CONSENT CALENDAR

City of San Bernardino Request for Council Action

Date: September 18, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rochelle Clayton, Acting City Manager;
Darren Goodman, Chief of Police

Department: Police

Subject: **Accept and Administer the FY 24/25 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant (24-12083) (All Wards)**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, California, adopt Resolution No. 2024-205 authorizing:

1. The City Manager to accept and administer the FY 2024/25 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant; and
2. The Director of Finance & Management Services to amend the FY 2024/25 Adopted Budget by \$590,000 in both revenue and expenditures

Executive Summary

The City of San Bernardino Police Department was awarded a FY 2024/25 OTS Grant in the amount of \$590,000. The Department will use grant funding to staff enforcement efforts to include DUI Enforcement, traffic enforcement, motorcycle safety enforcement, and bicycle/pedestrian enforcement. Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council accept the grant award and amend the FY 2024/25 adopted budget to receive grant funds

Background

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has awarded its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant for Fiscal Year 2024/25 to law enforcement agencies in the state that have shown the best practice strategies to reduce traffic collisions and promote traffic safety awareness. The City of San Bernardino has received annual OTS STEP grant funding for well over a decade and has been awarded \$590,000 for Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Discussion

The OTS STEP grant combines several traffic enforcement programs under a single grant umbrella, which reimburses law enforcement agencies for overtime worked on proven traffic enforcement strategies such as driving under the influence/California driver's license (DUI/CDL) checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols. In addition to checkpoints and saturation patrols, the Police Department will use grant funds to develop a "Hot Sheet" program to alert patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with suspended or revoked licenses as a result of DUI convictions. Using STEP grant funding, the Police Department will also add patrols focused on motorcycle DUI enforcement, traffic enforcement, collaborative DUI enforcement with neighboring agencies, motorcycle safety enforcement, and bicycle/pedestrian safety enforcement operations. Grant funding will provide for supervisors, detectives, officers, and professional staff to accomplish OTS STEP grant objectives. Staffing levels will vary depending on the enforcement detail being worked. There are no matching fund requirements for this grant. All grant funded traffic operations will be conducted to make the streets of San Bernardino safer for all pedestrians and motorists.

In addition to enforcement strategies, the STEP program will seek voluntary compliance of traffic laws through public education and safety awareness campaigns throughout the one-year grant period. The grant will reimburse the cost of DUI related training for officers, supplies used at checkpoints, and preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) device/calibration supplies. Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to accept, execute, and administer the State of California OTS STEP Grant Agreement for Grant Number PT25219.

2021-2025 Strategic Targets and Goals

The acceptance and administration of the OTS STEP grant aligns with strategic targets and goal:

1.c. Improved Operational & Financial Capacity: Implement, maintain, and update a fiscal accountability plan, and

3. c. Improved Quality of Life: Constantly evaluate public safety service delivery models to enhance the quality of service.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund, as there are no matching fund requirements for this grant. Amend the FY 2024/25 adopted budget to include an additional \$590,000 in grant funds for both revenues and expenditures.

Conclusion

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Attachments

Attachment 1 Grant Resolution No. 2024-205
Attachment 2 Grant Agreement

Ward:

All Wards

Synopsis of Previous Council Actions:

October 4, 2023	Resolution 2023-153, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
September 21, 2022	Resolution 2022-0645, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
July 17, 2019	Resolution 2019-264, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
October 3, 2018	Resolution 2018-272, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
July 5, 2017	Resolution 2017-126, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
October 14, 2016	Resolution 2016-211, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
January 23, 2015	Resolution 2015-10, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
March 3, 2014	Resolution 2014-49, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
January 7, 2013	Resolution 2013-1, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.
April 10, 2012	Resolution 2012-67, California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant, approved by Council.