



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 19, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Jennifer A. Louis, Chief of Police
Subject: Revenue Grant: Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the CTFGP grant and enter into the resultant grant agreement and any amendments, with the California Highway Patrol. This grant is for \$59,168.30 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total of this project will not exceed \$59,168.30. Grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 336-71-703-812-0000-000-000-432110 to offset expenditures. Appropriation of the expenditures is being included in the First Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance. This grant will fund overtime, benefits, training costs, and reduce additional General Fund expenditures.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Securing CTFGP grant funding is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city.

Currently the Traffic Bureau at the Berkeley Police Department is staffed by one motor officer, one traffic data analyst, a Provisional Sergeant, and a Provisional Lieutenant. Motor officers' responsibilities include injury-collision investigations and traffic enforcement; however, resources often deplete rapidly due to ancillary duties and personnel shortages in the operations/patrol division. CTFGP funding builds upon our current traffic safety efforts by allowing patrol and motor officers opportunities to address traffic safety issues-most significantly impaired driving- in addition to and outside of their regularly scheduled duties. Additionally, the funds provide opportunities for leadership development and learning in traffic safety and DUI/impaired driving enforcement, and enhance the department's overall mission of public safety.

BACKGROUND

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) rankings place the City of Berkeley number one for the past seven years in pedestrian and bicycle related injury collisions when compared to fifty-nine other cities with comparable populations. Each year hundreds of people are injured in traffic collisions that occur in the City of Berkeley. Berkeley maintains a high

ranking in total fatal and injury collisions, hit and run injury collisions, speed related collisions, nighttime collisions, and motorcycle involved collisions. With assistance from the 2024 CTFGP Grant, the department will continue our efforts to reduce the number of community members injured in collisions whether they choose to walk, drive, bike or ride a motorcycle in our city.

The CTFGP Grant and the City Council's Vision Zero Program have shared ideologies. BPD's participation directly supports two of three of Vision Zero's tenets. BPD's efforts directly support Public Awareness Education and Traffic Enforcement. Public Awareness through our social media, departmental messaging, and direct contact with the public (in the field and at community meetings) and data-driven enforcement of primary collision factor offenses in areas where they have the highest probability of occurring.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The City of Berkeley continues to have one of the highest bicycle and pedestrian usage rates in the County of Alameda and, as a result, there are a large number of bicyclists and pedestrians sharing the roadway with motorists. This grant will support the City of Berkeley's efforts to promote more sustainable forms of transportation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions-with the goal of reducing traffic injuries and fatalities related to all modes of transportation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Police Department requests this funding be approved to enhance our current mission of providing a safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and motorists on all City of Berkeley roadways and highways.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The California Highway Patrol currently provides grant funding specific to traffic enforcement and related education. Not accepting this grant funding would require additional overtime expenditures from General Fund resources or could result in a decrease in the overall safety of the citizens of Berkeley.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE GRANT: CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM GRANT (CTFGP)
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO FUND STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
THE NUMBER OF INJURIES AND DEATHS RELATED TO TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN
THE CITY OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment through law enforcement within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has made grant funding available to the Police Department to assist them in their mission of increasing traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funding to support efforts to reduce injury and fatal collisions involving pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and motorists on all City of Berkeley roadways and highways; and

WHEREAS, grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 336-71-703-812-0000-000-000-432110, in the One-time Grant Program Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Chief of Police is authorized to accept the CTFGP Grant and enter into the resultant grant agreement and any amendments, with the CHP to fund increased levels of impaired driving enforcement in the amount of \$59,168.30 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

