

**COMMUNICATION**

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**File No. 11-1859**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant award for use by the Police Department to conduct driving under the influence (DUI)/driver's license checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for, and accept, the 2011-12 STEP grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the period October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.
  - B. Execute the 2011-12 STEP grant agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award and to negotiate, execute, and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to:
  - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70.
  - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$2,000,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$2,000,000 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339, Department 70 for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds.
  - b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis as follows:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	339/70	70XXXX	2011-12 STEP Grant	\$1,200,000
To:	100/70	001090	General Overtime	\$ 66,000
		001092	Sworn Overtime	1,134,000
4. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Approval of the above recommendations will allow for the expenditure of the 2011-12 STEP grant award totaling \$2,000,000. These actions are in compliance with City financial policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to Council dated December 12, 2011 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Police Department requests authority to apply for and accept a \$2,000,000 grant award for the 2011-12 STEP and to execute the accompanying grant award agreement. The CAO states that the primary goal of STEP is to use enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions. The Police Department will focus its efforts on DUI enforcement and prevention. In addition, enforcement operations and strategies will include: sobriety/driver's license checkpoints; suspended driver enforcement operations; DUI saturation patrols; motorcycle safety enforcement; red Light and speed enforcement operations; and, habitual DUI offender operations involving "hot sheet," "court sting," and "stakeout" strategies.

According to the CAO and pursuant to the grant agreement, the State will reimburse the City for expenses such as general overtime, sworn overtime, travel, equipment (incl. trailer), computers, and office supplies. All grant budgeted program activities will be conducted by Police Department personnel on an overtime basis. On October 25, 2011, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the Police Department's request to apply for and accept the STEP award. The CAO concurs with this action.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held January 13, 2012, the Committee Chair and member recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations to authorize the Police Department's to apply for and accept the STEP award, and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES