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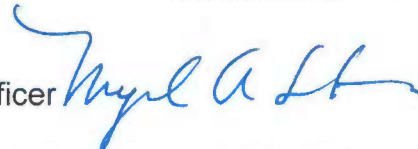
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To: The City Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated August 19, 2014

Subject: **2014-15 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$3.75 million grant award for the 2014-15 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Grant funds will provide support for the implementation of the STEP to address traffic safety issues. This is a \$2.25 million increase in grant funds from the 2013-14 STEP grant. There are no matching funds required.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the LAPD reported that 199 deaths and 20,907 personal injuries occurred due to traffic-related collisions in the City. The primary goal of STEP is to utilize enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions. The LAPD will focus its efforts on Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement and prevention; distracted driving; motorcycle safety, and primary collision factor enforcement (speed, bicycle, pedestrian and right-of-way violations). In addition, enforcement operations and strategies will include: 1) Multi-agency DUI task force operations; 2) suspended driver enforcement operations; 3) DUI saturation patrols; and, 4) red light and speed enforcement operations.

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

Sworn Overtime	\$3,541,640
Civilian Overtime	160,000
Travel & Training	18,040
DUI Checkpoint Supplies	30,320
Total	\$3,750,000

All grant budgeted program activities will be conducted by LAPD personnel on an overtime basis. The LAPD notes that the overtime will be distributed throughout the department with the goal of improving traffic safety and reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured in traffic collisions. Staffing will be deployed as necessary to accomplish the stated goals and objectives of

the grant. Overtime cost estimates were based on an average hourly rate range of \$35 to \$110 per hour. Reimbursement requests to the grantor will reflect actual costs expended for personnel to execute STEP activities. Travel costs include local travel for staff to attend OTS approved conferences, seminars or training pertaining to traffic safety, injury prevention, sobriety testing and collision activities. All out-of-state travel activities must receive written approval from OTS.

The LAPD will front-fund the overtime and various expense items throughout the grant term and will reimburse their accounts for program expenditures upon receipt of grant reimbursements from the OTS. The grant does not require matching funds. Further details on the grant are provided in correspondence from the Board of Police Commissioners dated August 19, 2014 (C.F. 14-1164).

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 2014-15 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount of \$3,750,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015;
 - b. Execute the 2014-15 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 City Attorney approval as to form and legality.
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) 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 \$3,750,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$3,750,000 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:

From:	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	339/70	70XXXX	2014-15 STEP Grant	\$3,750,000
To:	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	100/70	001092	Overtime Sworn	\$3,541,640
	100/70	001090	Overtime Civilian	160,000
			Total	\$3,701,640

4. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2014-15 Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant award totaling \$3,750,000. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities. There are no matching funds required.