

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

DATE: April 8, 2008

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING OF THE USE OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER – CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

Report in Brief

The Concord Police Department submitted an application in December 2007 for a mini grant to conduct seat belt enforcement operations from the University of California at Berkeley Traffic Safety Center. The grant funds are being provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety. The funding provided by this mini-grant will be utilized to increase the level of seat belt enforcement hours on an overtime basis for first line supervisors, officers, and administrative personnel to meet grant reporting requirements. The grant period runs until July 31, 2008.

Staff recommends the Council authorize the acceptance of the mini grant funds from the University of California at Berkeley Traffic Safety Center and California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to conduct seat belt enforcement operations.

Background

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) makes funds available to local government for the purposes of reducing vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian collisions, and making public roadways safer. OTS bases funding on the magnitude and severity of the problems identified, and availability of funds. The Police Department has received funding from OTS for similar programs during the past two fiscal years.

Discussion

The primary goal of conducting seat belt/child safety seat operations is to reduce the number of persons injured and killed in traffic collisions in the city through aggressive enforcement and public education. The public education component will be met through local print and media news sources covering the enforcement actions.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no cost to the City for implementation of the mini-grant. At the conclusion of enforcement, no additional enforcement or funding will be required.

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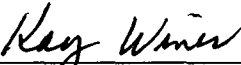
Posting of the Council Agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Authorize the acceptance of the mini grant funds from the University of California at Berkeley Traffic Safety Center and California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct seat belt enforcement operations as described.

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