

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL****TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

DATE: June 22, 2009

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) FOR DUI ENFORCEMENT AWARENESS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,772.00 (AL1066)**Report in Brief**

The Concord Police Department anticipates approval of an application for grant funds submitted to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount totaling \$194,772.00. Upon approval, staff will use the grant to fund six Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Drivers license checkpoints, eight DUI saturation patrols (including one saturation patrol operation targeting increased motorcycle safety), two warrant sweeps targeting multiple DUI offenders, two “stakeout” operations that employ officers to observe repeat DUI offender probationers with suspended revoked drivers licenses, and two “court sting” operations to cite individuals driving from court after having their license suspended or revoked. Funding will also be utilized to develop a “Hot Sheet” program to notify patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with suspended or revoked drivers licenses. All work specific to this grant will be completed by September 30, 2010

Staff requests the City Council accept grant funding in the amount of \$194,772 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety and allocate it for use for the City’s DUI/Unlicensed Driver enforcement and awareness program.

Background

Concord continues to experience a significant number of alcohol involved fatal and injury collisions. Between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006 there were 36 alcohol related collisions resulting in 43 persons injured and three persons killed. Between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007 there were 51 alcohol related collisions resulting in 60 persons injured and 2 persons killed, a 41.6% increase in alcohol involved collisions, and a 34.8% increase in the number of persons injured or killed.

Between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008 there were 1,778 reported traffic collisions in the City of Concord. Of these collisions, 1,389 resulted only in property damage, 382 involved injuries, three were fatal and the remaining four were unknown. Approximately 18% of the collisions involved unlicensed or suspended drivers. During this same period there were 773 Department wide arrests for DUI, 108 of these arrests occurred during the subsequent collision investigations. Approximately 14% of total DUI arrests were made as a result of a collision investigation.

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There has been a rise in DUI arrests from 653 arrests for the period October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 to 773 for the period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. This increase of 120 arrests can be directly attributed to the concentrated effort and emphasis the police department placed on arresting DUI and unlicensed, suspended or revoked drivers. OTS funding greatly assisted the police department and the city in this endeavor.

There were 13,618 citations issued between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008. Of those issued, 9,446 were hazardous citations and 4,172 were non-hazardous citations. Approximately 8% (756 citations) of the hazardous citations were issued for drivers with a suspended or revoked license. Approximately 39% (1,611 citations) of the non-hazardous citations were issued for unlicensed drivers. It is apparent Concord faces traffic safety concerns with unlicensed and suspended or revoked licensed drivers.

Discussion

The OTS grant will be used to pay for all personnel and related material costs associated to the grant objectives during the grant period.

Fiscal Impact


None. There are no matching funds requirements.

Public Contact

The agenda has been posted as required by the Brown Act. Upon notification of grant approval, a press release will be made announcing the kick-off of the grant funded program.

Recommendation for Action

Approve the acceptance of grant monies in the amount of \$194,772.00 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety and appropriating the funds for use in the City's DUI/Unlicensed Driver enforcement and awareness program.



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