

REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated August 27, 2019; supplemental information received September 13, 2019

Subject: **2019-20 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the award of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020;
 - b. Execute the 2019-20 STEP Grant Agreement on behalf of the City and submit the necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Execute a Professional Services Agreement with one selected vendor for a term of twelve months within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$40,000, for the provision of phlebotomist services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$5,000,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - c. Prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions; and,

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$5,000,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the disbursement of the FY 2019-20 STEP Grant funds;
- b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the FY 2019-20 STEP Grant, account number to be determined, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001092	Overtime Sworn	\$	3,477,700
Account No. 001090	Overtime Civilian	\$	132,975

4. Authorize the City Clerk to:

- a. Place the following action relative to the FY 2019-20 STEP Grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2020 or the first meeting day thereafter:

Authorize the Controller to transfer from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092	Overtime Sworn	\$	1,159,000
Account No. 001090	Overtime Civilian	\$	44,325

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$5,000,000 grant award for the 2019-20 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Grant funds will provide support for the implementation of the STEP to address traffic safety issues. There are no matching funds required.

BACKGROUND

Over the last calendar year, the City has experienced an increase in almost every category of traffic collisions, which has resulted in more pedestrian injuries, bicycle fatalities, motorcycle injuries, and fatal collisions. In 2018, the LAPD reported that 239 deaths and 23,078 injuries occurred due to traffic-related collisions in the City. Funding from the 2019-20 STEP Grant will help address this issue by utilizing enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions. The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety awarded the LAPD \$5.0 million in grant funds to focus on Driving Under the Influence (DUI), distracted driving, motorcycle safety, and primary collision factor (speed, bicycle, pedestrian, and right-of-way violations) enforcement.

The FY 2019-20 STEP Grant will be managed and coordinated through the Traffic Group, Transit Services Bureau, and funds will primarily be utilized to deploy Police Officers on an overtime basis in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and personal injuries due to traffic collisions. Overtime funding will be utilized to support the following activities:

- DUI/Driver’s License Checkpoints;
- DUI Saturation Patrols;
- Distracted Driver Enforcement Details;
- Traffic Safety, Bicycle Safety, and Pedestrian Safety presentations/courses;
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Details;
- Primary Collision Factor Enforcement Details; and,
- Motorcycle Safety Details

Under the grant agreement, the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety will reimburse the City for expenses incurred as follows:

Sworn Overtime	\$ 4,636,700
Civilian Overtime	177,300
In-State Travel	3,000
Out-of-State Travel	15,000
DUI Checkpoint Supplies*	128,000
Contractual Services	40,000
Total	\$ 5,000,000

*Includes Preliminary Alcohol Screening devices; Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) devices; and, printing and duplication.

A Professional Services Agreement will be executed to provide phlebotomist services at sobriety checkpoints during the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The Department has not established a timeline for the selection process; however, the Department intends to procure bids from at least three different companies before making its selection. As of the release of this report, the LAPD has not selected a vendor for this contract.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2019-20 Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant award totaling \$5,000,000. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. These actions are in compliance with the City’s Financial Policies, whereas one-time grant funding will be used for one-time program expenditures. There are no matching funds required.