City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal From: Kevin Raney

Dept: City Manager Dept: Police

Subject: CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY Date. August 9, 2011

(OTS) GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVE

To obtain City Council approval to participate in a Traffic Safety Grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and approve the agreement with OTS for the grant.

BACKGROUND

The California Office of Traffic Safety awards grants to local law enforcement agencies through the Business Transportation and Housing Agency. These one-year grants begin October 1, 2011 and end September 30, 2012. The police department has applied for and received similar grants dating back to 1996.

DISCUSSION

The grant the Police Department applied for this year focuses on the reduction of persons killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes by using "best practice" strategies. These strategies include driving under the influence (DUI) driver's license checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols. In addition, the grant will fund warrant service operations for officers to concentrate on repeat DUI offenders with current DUI warrants. These efforts are designed to garner media attention, thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect. In addition to funding these enforcement activities, the grant also funds the purchase of a new DUI traffic trailer that will be used to haul all necessary supplies to checkpoints. The police and finance departments will be responsible for providing the necessary reporting to fulfill the goals and objectives of the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total amount for the 2011-2012 grant will be \$150,000. The entire amount will be expended on labor and the purchase of the trailer. There is no requirement to hire additional personnel and there are no out of pocket expenses. There is no cost or income to the City based upon participation in this grant.

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

 Authorize entry into an agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety for grant funding of \$150,000 to fund driving under the influence (DUI) programs; and

• Authorize the City Manager, Finance Director and Police Chief to execute the forthcoming grant agreement on behalf of the City.

Kevin J. Raney Chief of Police

By: Carl Whitney, Sergeant

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Fertal City Manager