

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal

From: Kevin Raney

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Police

Subject: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2013-2014 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT "BEST PRACTICE" STRATEGIES FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Date: July 9, 2013

OBJECTIVE

To obtain City Council approval to participate in a Traffic Safety Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

BACKGROUND

The California Office of Traffic Safety awards grants to local law enforcement. These one-year grants begin October 1, 2013, and end September 30, 2014. The Police Department has applied for and received similar grants dating back to 1996.

DISCUSSION

The grant that was applied for this year focuses on Selective Traffic Enforcement to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions by using "best practice" strategies. The "best practice" strategies include patrols and operations targeting persons driving under the influence, primary collision factor violations, vehicles equipped with illegal street racing equipment, motorcycle safety, distracted driving, and warrant services. The grant funds will also allow selected Department personnel to receive training on the Standardized Field Sobriety Test and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. The Police and Finance departments will be responsible for providing the necessary reporting to fulfill the goals and objectives of the grant.

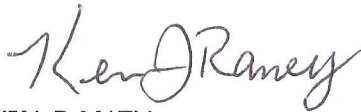
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total amount for the 2013-2014 grant will be \$88,000.00. The entire amount will be expended on labor. 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.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- Authorize participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for 2013-2014;
- Accept the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds in the amount of \$88,000.00;
- Authorize the Police Chief, Finance Director or Finance Manager, as appropriate, to execute the grant agreement and any other implementation documents on behalf of the City; and
- Allocate these grant monies to fund the "best strategies" operations.



KEVIN RANEY
Police Chief

By: Lino Santana, Master Officer
Neighborhood Traffic Unit

Attachment: Grant Award Letter from OTS

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fernal
City Manager

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May 16, 2013

Grant No. PT1492

Lino Santana
Police Officer
Garden Grove Police Department
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Garden Grove, CA 92841

Dear Officer Santana:

Congratulations! Through a competitive process, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has tentatively approved your funding request for the proposal titled "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" in the amount of approximately \$88,000.00.

Your OTS Coordinator will contact you, to discuss your proposal and explain the Grant Agreement process. It is our goal to have all new grants start no later than October 1, 2013. If approval from a City Council or the Board of Supervisors is required, you should begin that process now. Do not incur grant reimbursable costs prior to the receipt of your official approval packet from OTS or before your grant start date.

OTS will initiate a statewide media news release regarding 2014 proposals selected for funding. Your agency *should not* publically announce this tentative award until the grant agreement is fully negotiated and signed by OTS.

Again, congratulations on the success of your proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Schilling, Regional Coordinator, at (916) 509-3018 or e-mail at julie.schilling@ots.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Murphy'.

CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY
Director

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