

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 09/04/12

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2012-52 Authorizing City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of approximately \$29,000.00.

REPORT BY: Mike McQuiston, Chief of Police

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2012-52 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of approximately \$29,000 to enhance police department traffic enforcement operations. (OTS Grant#PT1315).

BACKGROUND

The Albany Police Department (APD) submitted a grant application to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in March 2012 for \$28,943 funding of overtime and training costs for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This is a grant-funded program that supplements normal police staffing for traffic enforcement efforts. OTS has provided APD with notice of tentative approval in the amount of approximately \$29,000.

DISCUSSION

This grant aims to reduce the number of persons killed or injured in crashes involving alcohol, speeding, red light running and other primary collision factors. It includes provisions to address various violations including DUI, aggressive driving, seat belt, distracted driving, and to conduct other special enforcement operations, such as at high collision-rate intersections.

No equipment will be purchased with the grant. Reimbursable expenses include overtime costs for police enforcement, supervision, grant management and support staff. Additional funds will be provided to pay for travel expenses to send police officers to approved training classes and/or conferences (to be determined by OTS) on traffic safety education and training. OTS desires to fund the grant no later than October 1, 2012.

ANALYSIS

The Albany Police Department routinely seeks opportunities to enhance our traffic enforcement operations through the use of grant monies. Pursuit of this OTS STEP grant is in accordance with our fiscal year 2012-2013 department goals, as adopted by City Council on July 16, 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No matching funds are required to obtain this grant. The grant will pay the costs associated with personnel staffing for each traffic enforcement operation. The personnel resources necessary for management and administration of the project will be provided through our existing operating budget.

CONCLUSION

Adoption of this resolution will allow the City to accept approximately \$29,000 in additional funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to pay for overtime costs to conduct traffic enforcement operations and send officers to traffic safety training.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2012-52
2. Notification of Tentative Grant Approval