

**Council Meeting: August 26, 2008****SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Apply for, Accept, and Appropriate a Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety in the Amount of \$42,700 for Seat Belt Enforcement and Approval of Budget Modification No. 4****REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking Council approval to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the Traffic Safety Center at the University of California, Berkeley. The grant monies will provide overtime monies in the amount of \$42,700 for specialized traffic enforcement of seat belt compliance and occupant restraint compliance during the "Next Generation-Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) campaign to be held November 1, 2008-September 7, 2009. Approval of Budget Modification No. 4 is requested to appropriate grant funds into a new project once they are received.

BACKGROUND

The mission of OTS is to obtain and effectively administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from traffic related collisions. California is launching a new CIOT program for 2008-2009. The CIOT program will start with a highly publicized seatbelt enforcement mobilization November 17-30, 2008. A second mobilization will occur May 18-31, 2009. To promote sustained enforcement, CIOT mini-grantees will conduct one to four days or nights of intensified seatbelt enforcement each month outside the mobilization periods.

If awarded, accepted, and appropriated, these funds will be used in direct support of the above stated goal by providing sustained seat belt compliance and occupant restraint compliance education and enforcement during the identified mobilization periods as well as during the remaining months of the program.

EXISTING POLICY**4.1 Law Enforcement Sub-Element**

Goal 4.1A: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community.

Policy 4.1A.5: Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

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Action Statement 4.1A.5g: Participate in activities that enhance the successful detection, apprehension, rehabilitation and prevention of persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Action Statement 4.1A5h: Participate in prevention and enforcement activities directed at minimizing personal injury in traffic collisions.

Policy 4.1D.2: Provide effective and efficient management of Public Safety resources in order to meet the needs of: The community, the internal organization, and those mandated by regional, State, and Federal agencies.

Action Statement 4.1D.2b: Develop proposals and apply for appropriate governmental grants.

DISCUSSION

Public Safety received notification from OTS encouraging a grant application to fund seat belt enforcement for the "Next Generation-CIOT" Program in an effort to not only provide two high profile mobilization periods, but also to support sustained enforcement during the remaining months of the program. The Mini-Grant is available for overtime costs to conduct directed patrol for seat belt and safety seat compliance during the duration of the campaign.

Each year, OTS funds similar mini-grants. The goal of the national mobilization campaign is to raise public awareness of the importance of wearing a seat belt or using a child safety seat, as well as to reduce the number of people injured and/or killed in vehicle crashes where they were not wearing their seat belts.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net fiscal impact to the City for participating in this program, as all expenditures related to this program will be covered by the OTS grant. If Council authorizes DPS to apply for and accept the OTS Next Generation-CIOT Mini-Grant, authorization also is needed to appropriate the monies accordingly. Budget Modification No. 4 has been prepared to appropriate revenues from the OTS Next Generation-CIOT Mini-Grant into a new project. The project will allow DPS to effectively manage the specific costs associated with overtime used for the special enforcement campaign.

BUDGET MODIFICATION NO. 4
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

	Current	Increase (Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Office of Traffic Safety Grant	\$0	\$42,700	\$42,700
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
New Special Project — Next Generation- Click It or Ticket Campaign (Nov 08-Sep 09)	\$0	\$42,700	\$42,700

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City’s Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize staff to apply for the OTS Next Generation-CIOT Mini-Grant for overtime costs for special enforcement during the program, November 2008-September 2009. If the grant is awarded, it will be accepted, Budget Modification No. 4 will be approved, and monies will be appropriated to a new project to fund the associated overtime expenses.

2. Do not authorize staff to apply for the OTS Next Generation-CIOT Mini-Grant monies.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Authorize staff to apply for the OTS Next Generation-CIOT Mini-Grant for overtime costs for special enforcement during the program, November 2008-September 2009. If the grant is awarded, it will be accepted, Budget Modification No. 4 will be approved, and monies will be appropriated to a new project to fund the associated overtime expenses.

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