



Council Meeting: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Appropriation of the “AVOID Anti-DUI Program” Funds and Approval of Budget Modification #23

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Department of Public Safety is eligible to receive \$31,760 in grant funding from the National Traffic Safety Highway Administration (NTHSHA) to support the “Avoid the 13” Driving under the Influence Education and Enforcement campaign, sponsored by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The Grant Funding would be used to support enforcement campaigns over the next four years at approximately \$7,940 per year.

Staff recommends Council approve Budget Modification No. 23 to authorize the acceptance and appropriation of these funds into a new special project to fund overtime expenses incurred in support of the “Avoid the 13” enforcement campaigns.

BACKGROUND

The Avoid the 13 program began in Santa Clara County in 1973 as a countywide effort to crackdown on the drinking driver and to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by alcohol-related accidents. The Avoid concept has spread to 41 counties in California, and now includes 540 law enforcement agencies. Funding is now provided by grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety to allow counties and cities to add overtime hours, reassign officers, and conduct public awareness campaigns during the increased enforcement periods.

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.

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

The current grant period will be in effect from October 1, 2008 through January 31, 2012, with all Santa Clara County law enforcement agencies participating. The funds received from the grant will be designated to provide overtime so that officers countywide can focus on the drinking driver during peak enforcement periods. Enforcement periods designated under this grant are winter Holiday (mid-December –January 1), Labor Day, Halloween, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Fourth of July.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net impact to the General Fund for accepting this grant. The expenditure appropriation for this project will match the grant revenue received. Budget Modification No. 23 has been prepared to accept \$7,940 in grant revenues for FY 2008/2009 and to appropriate those funds to a new special project.

**Budget Modification No. 23
 FY 2008/2009**

	Current	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
“Avoid the 13” Grant Funds	\$0	\$7,940	\$7,940
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project - “Avoid the 13”	\$0	\$7,940	\$7,940

As noted previously, this agreement is in place through January 31, 2012, and the City is expecting to receive \$31,760 in grant funds over the life of the agreement (approximately \$7,940 annually). Future years’ grant revenues and expenditures will be incorporated into the budget for this project and included in the FY 2009/2010 Recommended Budget. This project will be classified as revenue dependent, meaning that funds will only be expended if grant revenues

are received. Any change to grant revenues will have a corresponding impact on budgeted expenditures for this project.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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

ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept and appropriate the Office of Traffic Safety monies for the AVOID Anti-DUI Campaign and approve Budget Modification No. 23.
2. Do not accept and appropriate the Office of Traffic Safety monies for the AVOID Anti-DUI Campaign and do not approve Budget Modification No. 23.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative #1. Accept and appropriate the Office of Traffic Safety monies for the AVOID Anti-DUI Campaign and approve Budget Modification No. 23.

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