



Council Meeting: June 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Approve Budget Modification No. 43 to Appropriate \$4,455 of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds from Santa Clara County Public Health Department for Bike Parties Safety/Enforcement

GRANT SUMMARY

On March 12, 2013, a Memorandum of Understanding was finalized authorizing the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to accept grant funds in the amount of \$4,455 of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds from Santa Clara County Public Health Department for bike party safety and enforcement.

The bike parties occur every third Friday of the month. The purpose of these events is to encourage bicycle riding. Participants do not consider themselves “Critical Mass” and they are not trying to disrupt traffic flow or intentionally violate the law. However, the number of bicyclists can range from between 500 and 3,000 people depending on the weather and type of event.

Bike parties are very organized, but “leaderless” events. The events include vendors that repair bikes and provide food and drinks at various locations along the route. While the majority of people who participate are well-meaning, our roadways do not support this many bicyclists at one time. Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety has partnered with several allied agencies which include Motor Units from California Highway Patrol, Milpitas, Santa Clara, Mountain View, and Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office to assist each other in a mutual aid capacity when any of their jurisdictions are affected. Motor Units ensure lanes of traffic remain open and bicyclists are safe, as well as obey the law.

The Bureau of Police Services, Division of Traffic Safety will be responsible for accomplishing activities in the work plan that directly touch the community. The Bureau of Special Operations, Division of Strategic Services will be responsible for managing the grant.

Granting Agency

The California Office of Traffic Safety distributes National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant funding to both counties and cities. The grants are used to increase all types of traffic safety. As a sub-grantee of Santa Clara County, DPS is eligible to receive Traffic Safe Communities Network Grant funds to provide safety and enforcement for bike parties.

EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy 7.1.5 Donations, Contributions and Sponsorships:

The City Manager may apply for grants of any dollar amount, but shall notify the Council when grants are being pursued. Council approval of a budget modification to appropriate grant monies is required before funds can be expended by staff. Such a budget modification shall include the use to which the grant would be placed; the objectives or goals of the City which will be achieved through use of the grant; the local match required, if any, plus the source of the local match; any increased cost to be locally funded upon termination of the grant; and the ability of the City to administer the grant. For grants under the amount of \$5,000 that do not have any external reporting requirements or any local match requirement, Council approval of a budget modification is not required. The City Manager is authorized to accept and administratively appropriate the grant funds.

This grant does not meet all of the criteria to be administratively appropriated by the City Manager; therefore a budget modification is required. Grant funds from OTS have external reporting requirements and fall under the federal single audit guidelines.

Sunnyvale General Plan — Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Goal SN-3, Safe and Secure City: Ensure a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community by providing effective public safety response and prevention and education services.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant funds overtime expenses associated with enforcement during bike parties occurring in Santa Clara County. Expenditures for bike party enforcement are reimbursable up to a cumulative total of \$4,455.

Required Local Match

NONE

Increased Cost To City Upon Grant Termination

NONE

Budget Modification No. 43 has been prepared to appropriate \$4,455 of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds from Santa Clara County Public Health Department for Bike Parties Safety/Enforcement.

**Budget Modification No. 43
FY 2012/2013**

	Current	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
1017 – Office of Traffic Safety	\$15,000	\$4,455	\$19,455
 <u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project - Traffic Safe Communities Network Bike Party	\$0	\$4,455	\$4,455

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.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve Budget Modification No. 43 to appropriate \$4,455 of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds from Santa Clara County Public Health Department for Bike Parties Safety/Enforcement.

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