



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 02, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT.

DATE: APRIL 19, 2006

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT- FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

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TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU, MOTOR SUPERVISOR**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Accept the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant for \$39,684 for vehicle seat belt enforcement.
2. Approve the attached budget adjustment number BA 06-064 to appropriate \$39,684 to the Police Department's operating budget for overtime.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the California Office of Traffic Safety awards grant funds to local law enforcement agencies that participate in the "California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign." Law enforcement agencies of our size can apply for up to \$40,000 to cover personnel overtime costs during the campaign. The California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign will be conducted May 15, 2006 through June 4, 2006. The goal of the campaign is to increase seat belt use statewide to 93% by July 31, 2006.

ANALYSIS:

Traditionally, Costa Mesa Police Traffic Officers have aggressively enforced all vehicle safety restraint violations that they observe while conducting traffic enforcement. Although injuries are always a possibility when vehicles collide, vehicle safety restraints can significantly reduce the severity of those injuries. In many cases, safety restraints have saved lives.

The Costa Mesa Police Department made application (attachment #2) for grant funds associated with the California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign. Augmenting current seat belt enforcement efforts with these grant funds can potentially reduce the number of injury traffic collisions within the City of Costa Mesa. Police

Department staff received a verbal approval for a total of \$39, 684 in grant funds for the California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign.

The grant funds will pay for Traffic Safety Bureau personnel overtime to enforce all seat belt related traffic violations from May 15, 2006 through June 4, 2006. A total of 625 hours of overtime will be dedicated to the campaign and paid solely by this grant. An additional 20 hours of overtime will be paid through the grant to cover associated clerical work.

At the end of the campaign, Police Department staff will prepare a final report for submission to the California Office of Traffic Safety. This report will pave the way for additional grant funding next year for the same purpose in Costa Mesa.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

None

FISCAL REVIEW:

The attached budget adjustment BA 06-064 will recognize \$39,684 in grant funds as revenue and appropriate the funds to the Police Department's Operations Services Division overtime account.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the grant and has approved it as to form.

CONCLUSION:

Police Department Staff recommends approval of Budget Adjustment 06-064.

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Finance Director
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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Budget Adjustment 06-064](#)
2 [Grant Contract Agreement](#)