



**DATE:** January 16, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Authorization for the City Manager to Appropriate \$240,000 in Grant Funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the Hayward Police Department

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$240,000 in grant funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for the Hayward Police Department.

### **BACKGROUND**

These funds were awarded to the Hayward Police Department as part of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant issued by the California Office of Traffic Safety. The California Office of Traffic Safety strives to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries by making grants available to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public about traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic losses from collisions.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Hayward Police Department plans to use these funds to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in collisions involving alcohol and other collision causing factors. Strategies include the following:

- (a) Impaired driving enforcement.
- (b) Enforcement focusing on distracted driving.
- (c) Seat belt enforcement.
- (d) Special enforcement encouraging motorcycle safety.
- (e) Enforcement and public education in areas with high bicycle/pedestrian collisions.
- (f) Media outreach strategies designed to enhance public awareness, educate the public, and deter poor behavior.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The acceptance of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant funds does not require an additional appropriation from the General Fund.

## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

The STEP Grant supports the Complete Streets Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Streets Strategic Initiative is to build and maintain streets that are safe, comfortable, and convenient for travel for everyone, regardless of age or ability; including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders. This item supports the following goal and objectives:

Goal 1: Prioritize safety for all modes of travel.

Objective 1.b.: Reduce speeding and aggressive driving behavior through 4 E's i.e. Education, Enforcement, Empowerment, and Engineering.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If the Council authorizes this action, staff will appropriate the funding into the Police Department's budget and administer the grant per the terms and conditions of the Office of Traffic Safety agreement.

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