

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT REVENUES FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$195,000 in grant revenue from the State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
2. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$124,484 into the FY 06 operating budget for the Police Department Traffic Section, account number 407800, project code 91098.

BACKGROUND:

The State OTS has awarded \$195,000 to the Police Department to conduct Driving Under the Influence (DUI) education and enforcement programs to include support from the Air Operations Section in identifying potential violators. The grant period runs from October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. No matching funds are required.

The Police Department already conducts several similar checkpoints during the course of the year, using existing personnel resources. It has been our experience that these checkpoints are valuable in reducing incidents related to persons driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Measuring the preventative effects of those checkpoints is difficult, but every person that is intercepted by the checkpoints is unable to contribute to the inevitable destruction drunk driver's cause in accidents, injuries and deaths on our streets.

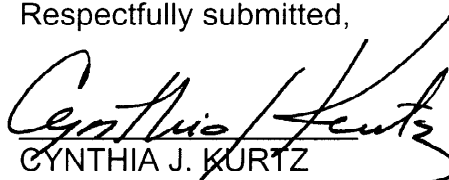
To further increase public education on the subject of driving under the influence, a second component of this grant provides for teen education. A trailer equipped with computers and driving simulators will be purchased to allow our teen pre-drivers and drivers to experience the difficulty of driving while under the influence. Also, copies of our Every 15-Minutes video will be provided to all graduating high school seniors who attend public or private schools.

Since this grant funding spans 27 months, remaining monies (\$70,516.30) will be appropriated in FY 07/08 budgets as anticipated expenditures occur.

FISCAL IMPACT:

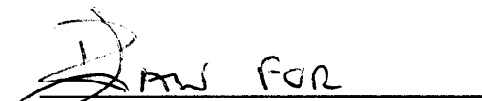
Approval of this recommendation will increase FY 2006 General Fund revenues by \$195,000. In addition, the recommendation will increase FY 2006 appropriations by \$124,484. The remaining funds in the amount of \$70,516 will be appropriated into the FY 2007 and 2008 budgets as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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