



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 15, 2009

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$236,521 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) FOR A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROJECT.

FROM: David Ready, City Manager

BY: Police Department

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the City Council accept \$236,521 in OTS grant funding for the Police Department and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to utilize for a DUI Enforcement and Awareness project. The total grant amount will be \$236,521. The grant funds will be used to conduct DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, warrant sweeps, and various education, awareness and enforcement techniques, and acquire equipment used to prevent DUI violations. There is also a significant data collection component which includes new state-of-the-art citation issuing equipment, collision and citation tracking software, and improved collision index statistical analysis capabilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept \$236,521 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for a DUI Enforcement and Awareness Project.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Springs has frequently been ranked very high by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in our collision index. During the latest 2007 OTS rankings, we were ranked 3/96 for fatal and injury collisions, 1/96 for alcohol related collisions, and 1/96 in overall collision index as compared to 96 other similar California cities.

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In an effort to enhance our DUI enforcement, education, and awareness efforts the Police Department rigorously pursues OTS grant funding and enforces DUI laws by conducting DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, warrant sweeps, court stings, stakeouts, and development of public awareness programs. These projects are labor intensive and thus expensive. The Police Department plans to conduct approximately 88 special operations during this grant period. The department was successful in obtaining grant funding to pay for the personnel and equipment costs for these programs.

The Police Department was able to successfully solicit OTS grant funding for this community safety project and was awarded \$236,521 in grant funding.

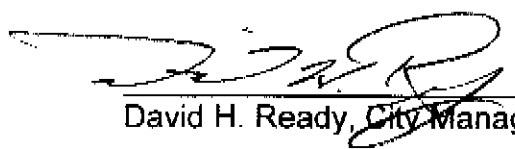
This grant period is for a DUI Enforcement and Awareness project between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. This is a fully reimbursable costs grant program. No matching funds are required to obtain this additional grant funding.



David Dominguez, Police Chief



David H. Ready, City Manager

Attachments:

OTS Grant Agreement AL1021