



CITY COUNCIL  
**Staff Report**

**Meeting Date:** Nov. 19, 2019

**To:** Mayor and City Council

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**Subject:** Appropriate funds through the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the amount of \$90,000.

**Recommended Action**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the city manager to accept the FY 2019 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and authorizing the deputy city manager of Administrative Services to appropriate the funds for STEP expenses in the amount of \$90,000.

**Executive Summary**

The Police Department was awarded \$90,000 by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to enforce traffic laws and prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries through various campaigns, DUI checkpoints, and DUI saturation patrols. The total amount is fully reimbursable, and no matching funds are required.

The Police Department is requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 to the Public Safety Grants Special Fund. Administrative Order No. 37 requires approval by City Council for the deputy city manager of Administrative Services to appropriate the funds.

**Discussion**

The California OTS strives to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries by making available grants to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions. It distributes federal funding apportioned to California under the National Highway Safety Act and the Safe Accountable and Flexible Efficiency Transportation Equity Act. The grant funding decisions by the OTS is facilitated by several criteria which translate into rankings: victim and collision rankings, driving under the influence ("DUI") arrest rankings, DUI collisions, bicycle safety and pedestrian safety (Exhibit 3). In addition, these rankings help identify emerging traffic safety problem areas. The rankings allow cities to compare themselves to other cities with similar-sized populations and help them identify their disproportionate traffic safety problems.

The City of Carlsbad Police Department's 2019 award is \$90,000. Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and