

SUBJECT: SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (STEP) GRANT AWARD

SOURCE: Police Department




COMMENT: In April of 2014 the Porterville Police Department submitted a grant proposal/application to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) requesting funding for personnel costs (overtime) associated with a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The goal of this program is to reduce the persons killed or injured in vehicle crashes involving alcohol, speed, red light violations, and other recurring primary collision factors within the city of Porterville.

On June 18, 2014, the Porterville Police Department received notification from OTS that funding in the amount of \$69,080 has been approved for the City of Porterville's STEP program. The funding will cover personnel costs (overtime) associated with multiple DUI/License check points, special saturation patrols, and targeted enforcement of areas of repeated traffic collisions and "court sting" operations that target individuals driving away from court after having their license revoked and/or suspended. The grant will also cover the purchase of three new Lidar speed detection devices.

The proposed grant will fund the STEP program through the period of October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council accept the STEP Grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$69,080.00

Attachment: OTS Grant award letter

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June 18, 2014

Grant No. PT1578

Chris Dempsie, Captain
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Dear Captain Dempsie:

Congratulations! Through a competitive process, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has tentatively approved your funding request for the proposal titled "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)" in the amount of approximately \$69,080.00.

Your OTS Coordinator will contact you, to discuss your proposal and explain the Grant Agreement process. It is our goal to have all new grants start no later than October 1, 2014. If approval from a City Council or the Board of Supervisors is required, you should begin that process now. Do not incur grant reimbursable costs prior to the receipt of your official approval packet from OTS or before your grant start date.

OTS will initiate a statewide media news release regarding 2015 proposals selected for funding. Your agency *should not* publically announce this tentative award until the grant agreement is fully negotiated and signed by OTS.

Again, congratulations on the success of your proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Black, Regional Coordinator, at (916) 509-3015 or e-mail at donna.black@ots.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda L. Craft".

RHONDA L. CRAFT
Director

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