



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Jennifer A. Louis, Chief of Police
Subject: Revenue Grant: Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to accept the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments with the California Highway Patrol in the amount of \$90,629.70 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total of this project will not exceed \$90,629.70. Grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 336-71-703-812-0000-000-000-432110 to offset expenditures. This grant will fund overtime, benefits, training costs, and reduce additional General Fund expenditures.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Securing CTFGP funding is a Strategic Plan Priority Project that advances the City's goal to foster a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared community.

The Traffic Bureau at the Berkeley Police Department is currently staffed by two motor officers, one traffic data analyst, a Sergeant, and a Lieutenant. Motor officers are responsible for injury-collision investigations and traffic enforcement; however, their availability is often constrained due to ancillary duties and personnel shortages within the Operations/Patrol Division.

CTFGP funding strengthens the City's traffic-safety initiatives by enabling both patrol and motor officers to address critical traffic-safety concerns, most notably impaired driving, outside of their regularly scheduled duties. In addition to enhancing impaired-driving enforcement, the grant supports leadership development and specialized training in traffic safety and DUI/impaired-driving enforcement. These improvements bolster the department's overall mission to promote public safety for all roadway users.

BACKGROUND

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has ranked the City of Berkeley in the top three for the past several years in pedestrian and bicycle related injury collisions when compared to sixty-one other cities with comparable populations. Each year hundreds of people are injured in traffic collisions that occur in the City of Berkeley. Berkeley maintains a high ranking in total fatal and injury collisions, hit and run injury collisions, motorcycle involved collisions, night-time collisions, and speed related collisions. With assistance from the 2025-2026 CTFGP grant we will continue our efforts to reduce the number of citizens injured in collisions whether they choose to walk, drive, bike or ride a motorcycle in our city.

The CTFGP Grant and the City Council's Vision Zero Program have shared ideologies. BPD's participation directly supports two of three of Vision Zero's tenets. BPD's efforts directly support Public Awareness Education and Traffic Enforcement. Public Awareness through our social media, departmental messaging, and direct contact with the public (in the field and at community meetings) and data-driven enforcement of primary collision factor offenses in areas where they have the highest probability of occurring.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The City of Berkeley continues to have one of the highest bicycle and pedestrian usage rates in the Alameda County and, as a result, there are many bicyclists and pedestrians sharing the roadway with motorists. This grant will support the City of Berkeley's efforts to promote more sustainable forms of transportation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions-with the goal of reducing traffic injuries and fatalities related to all modes of transportation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Police Department requests this funding be approved to enhance our current mission of providing a safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and motorists on all City of Berkeley roadways and highways.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The California Highway Patrol currently provides grant funding specifically to traffic enforcement and related education. Not accepting this grant funding would require additional overtime expenditures from General Fund resources or could result in a decrease in the overall safety for people in Berkeley.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE GRANT: CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM GRANT (CTFGP)
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO FUND STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
THE NUMBER OF INJURIES AND DEATHS RELATED TO TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN
THE CITY OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment through law enforcement within the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has made grant funding available to the Police Department to assist them in their mission of increasing traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funding to support efforts to reduce injury and fatal collisions involving pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and motorists on all City of Berkeley roadways and highways; and

WHEREAS, grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 336-71-703-812-0000-000-000-432110, in the DUI Enforcement Education Program Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to accept the CTFGP Grant and enter into the resultant grant agreement and any amendments, with the CHP to fund increased levels of impaired driving enforcement in the amount of \$90,629.70 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

