



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

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 Chief of Police to accept the CTFGP grant and enter into the resultant grant agreement and any amendments, with the California Highway Patrol. This grant is for \$101,783.28 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total of this project will not exceed \$101,783.28. Grant revenues will be deposited into budget code 336-71-703-812-0000-000-000-432110 to offset expenditures. Appropriation of the expenditures is being included in the First Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance. This grant will fund overtime, benefits, training costs, and reduce additional General Fund expenditures.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Securing CTFGP grant funding is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city.

Currently the Traffic Bureau at the Berkeley Police Department is staffed by two motor officers, one traffic data analyst, a Sergeant, and a Lieutenant. Motor officers' responsibilities include injury-collision investigations and traffic enforcement; however, resources often deplete rapidly due to ancillary duties and personnel shortages in the operations/patrol division. CTFGP funding builds upon our current traffic safety efforts by allowing patrol and motor officers opportunities to address traffic safety issues-most significantly impaired driving- in addition to and outside of their regularly scheduled duties. Additionally, the funds provide opportunities for leadership development and learning in traffic safety and DUI/impaired driving enforcement, and enhance the department's overall mission of public safety.

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, nighttime collisions, and speed related collisions. With assistance from the 2025-2026 CTFGP grant we will continue our efforts to reduce the number of people injured in collisions.

The CTFGP Grant and the City Council's Vision Zero Program have shared ideologies. BPD's participation directly supports two 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 County of Alameda 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 specific 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 of the citizens of Berkeley

CONTACT PERSON

Lieutenant Rashawn Cummings, Police Traffic Bureau, (510) 981-5983

Attachments:

1: Resolution

Exhibit A: Intent to Award

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 Chief of Police 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 \$101,783.28 for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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Commander Rashawn Cummings
Berkeley Police Department
125 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Commander Cummings:

On behalf of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), it is my pleasure to inform you, the Berkeley Police Department, is conditionally approved for Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) funding in the amount of \$101,783.28. The purpose of this grant funding is to help your agency reduce and mitigate the impacts of impaired driving in your community.

The official Grant Agreement for signature is forthcoming. In order to execute your Grant Agreement, please provide documentation from a local governing body, authorizing your organization to receive this grant funding, to the Cannabis Grants Unit, by email at CGUGrants@chp.ca.gov, as soon as possible. Refer to California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 13, Section 1890.13(g) for additional information.

The CHP looks forward to partnering with you and your agency on this project in an effort to make California's roadways a safer place to travel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Cannabis Grants Unit at (916) 843-4360.

Sincerely,

M. W. HEADRICK, Chief
Enforcement and Planning Division

