



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for a two-year community-based education program that will provide child passenger safety, bicycle, and pedestrian safety education. (Citywide)

The Department of Community Development is seeking authorization to accept a \$374,758 State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant to provide a multilingual child passenger safety, seat belt safety and bicycle safety program.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to accept a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety from October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007. This grant totaled \$376,099 in funding to the Department of Community Development/Neighborhood Services Bureau's Child Passenger Safety and Youth Driving Under the Influence Education Program to provide a variety of traffic safety education programs for residents.

Through the use of those OTS grant funds, the Department of Community Development was able to provide a number of important resources to Long Beach residents, including:

- . Conducted 75 educational traffic safety presentations in English, Spanish and/or Khmer to 1,407 Long Beach residents;
- . Distributed more than 600 child passenger safety seats citywide to parents who attended educational classes;
- . Provided child passenger/occupant restraint educational programs to families in 20 public/private daycare centers;
- . Created multi-lingual educational materials about the dangers of drinking and driving for distribution;
- . Supported the production of a play entitled "You Lose" at Long Beach Polytechnic High School.

On January 29, 2007 staff submitted a new proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety to provide additional child passenger safety education for parents with children under the age of six in 2008 and 2009. The proposal also included bicycle and pedestrian safety education for parents and children 4-15 years of age.

The California Office of Traffic Safety has accepted the proposal and is prepared to enter into another agreement with the City for two years from October 1, 2007 September 30, 2009 for a funding amount of \$374,758, per Attachment A. The Department of Community Development's Neighborhood Services Bureau will administer the grant and work with community based organizations on a multi-lingual education effort to further the program goals as detailed in Attachment B.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on June 25, 2007 and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 27, 2007.

The OT8 grant agreement must be fully executed by August 24, 2007.

The City will receive \$374,758 in new grant funds that will be budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) as part of the FY 08 budget. There will be no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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