



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 8, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: POLICE CAPTAIN RADICH
RECOMMENDED BY: POLICE CHIEF ZAMORA
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$197,073.16 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM FY25-26

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting a grant from California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$197,073.16, to assist the Police Department with reducing and mitigating the impacts of impaired driving in our community, and authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute the standard grant agreement, any amendments thereto and all required documents and appropriate funds to the special grant fund (0260).

BACKGROUND:

With the passage of Proposition 64 (the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act or AUMA), California voters mandated the State set aside funding for the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to award grants to local governments and qualified non-profit organizations, with the goal of reducing impaired driving crashes, increasing public awareness surrounding the dangers of impaired driving, and making roadways safer to travel. In February 2025, the Police Department applied to the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) for a \$197,073.16 grant and received notice on June 13, 2025, that the City was selected to receive the requested grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

The CHP CTFGP grant will allow the Police Department have officers dedicated to eight (8) impaired driving saturation patrols and two (2) DUI checkpoints in order to prevent the loss of life, injuries, and property

damaged caused by driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The grant will also provide for the purchase of one (1) new Patrol SUV to be used for DUI saturation patrols and checkpoints, and one (1) new DUI trailer to be used during DUI checkpoints. The grant will allow officers to focus on Traffic / DUI enforcement efforts to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents and DUI-Related traffic collisions within the City of Watsonville. The goals of the proposed program are to reduce impaired driving and DUI related collisions during the grant period.

Staff recommends City Council's acceptance of the grant from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$197,073.16

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

Approval of the grant funds is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is an administrative action and not a "project" that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The FY2025-2026 CHP CTFGP Grant, in the amount of \$197,073.16, has no financial impact on the general fund. The grant funds shall be appropriated to the special grants fund 0260.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

- 1) Grant Award Letter