

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: September 13, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Office of Traffic Safety – Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety**

Recommendation:

Appropriate \$100,000.00 in grant funds from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety reimbursement program for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program (PBSP) to Revenue Account No. 324-3307-200 and these corresponding expense accounts:

Expense Account No. 324-4782-101 to 137 for Salary Disbursement:.....\$39,908.00
Expense Account No. 324-4782-202 for Local and Regional Events:.....\$6,500.00
Expense Account No. 324-4782-770 for Professional Services to fund the PBSP:....\$53,592.00

Fiscal Impact:

The City has been awarded \$100,000.00 in grant funding which will be reimbursed in Fiscal Year’s 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Background:

In March of 2012, the City of Lancaster adopted the City’s Master Plan of Trails and Bikeways. The Master Plan includes a list of goals, policies, and actions, which is a comprehensive blueprint by which the City can become more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Some of the goals are to provide a safe, connected, and convenient street environment; create a network of off-street shared-use paths; promote the health of our residents by providing opportunities to bicycle or walk; provide amenities and facilities to increase bicycling and walking; provide opportunities to bicycle and walk for commuting; support safe access to and from schools; and, develop routes and facilities to enhance the economic viability of Lancaster.

On March 21, 2014, Caltrans announced a “Call for Projects” for Cycle 1 of the ATP program, in which \$360 million in funds was available. Caltrans announced that 199 project applications were selected from the 771 applications submitted. The City of Lancaster was awarded two of the four project applications that were submitted, one was for the Safe Routes to School Master Plan, and the other for improvements on 5th Street East, from Avenue H-8 to Avenue J-4.

In an effort to continue the goals of providing Safe Routes to School and safety on our City trails and bikeways, the City applied for a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The City of Lancaster was awarded a grant to educate 3rd grade students on pedestrian and bicycle safety. The funds will allow the City to conduct bicycle and pedestrian classroom workshops at all nineteen elementary schools, distribute and properly fit 1,000 helmets to school age children, and design bicycle and pedestrian safety brochures.

Funds are received on a reimbursement basis, staff recommends that the City Council appropriate the grant funds, and authorize staff to disburse the funds according to the grant agreement requirements.

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Attachment:

State of California – Office of Traffic Safety Grant Agreement