



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Department of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept the Department of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant in the amount of \$277,195.05 to help reduce and mitigate the impacts of impaired driving in the City; and
2. Adopt a budget amendment resolution approving an increase in revenue and appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$277,195.05 to a project account as assigned by the Finance Department; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute all necessary documents to implement the Department of California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program purchases.

DISCUSSION

The Menifee Police Department was awarded \$277,195.05 by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant. CHP administers several programs, including the Cannabis Tax Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to educate the public regarding the danger of impaired driving, enforce laws related to driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis and cannabis products, and improve the department's effectiveness through training and development of new strategies.

The funds received would be used to cover the costs incurred by the Police Department during activities such as DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols and safety presentations. Additionally, the funds would be used for operational costs and supplies including a DUI truck and outfitting, DUI presentation kit, impaired driving experience kit, clipboards, drug screening kits, and preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) devices, also known as a breathalyzer. The DUI truck that has been awarded to the department will be utilized as both a presentation piece by listing names of local residents killed in DUI crashes, with their next of kin's permission, as well as being a practical tool for transporting equipment to presentation sites and hauling the existing DUI trailer to checkpoints. The Police Department would also use available funds to send officers to Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training and to the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Training.

The grant would help the City achieve its goals as follows:

- Educating the public
- Promoting a safe environment for our community
- Reducing the number of persons killed and injured in crashes caused by alcohol and drugs.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact resulting from the acceptance of the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program would result in an increase of \$277,195.05 in state grant revenue within the Grant Fund (2301-441002) and an appropriation in expenditures to the Cannabis Grant for Menifee Police Department within the Grant Fund (2301-MPD-658211). CHP would reimburse any costs incurred that are within the guidelines of this grant. No match by the City would be required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Grant Award Letter
2. Budget Amendment Resolution
3. Grant Summary Report