

September 10, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, and all necessary documents or subsequent amendments, including amendments to the award amount or terms, with the California Office of Traffic Safety to accept and expend grant funding in the amount up to \$310,000 to reduce and mitigate the impacts of drug impaired driving in Long Beach, for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with an option to extend the agreement for an additional 36-month period at the discretion of the City Manager; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$310,000, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety (CA\_OTs) to accept funding to support the continued implementation of the Health and Human Services Department's (Health Department) drug impaired driving prevention efforts led by the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention's Greenlight Long Beach (GreenlightLB) program.

The Health Department will use CA\_OTs funding to 1) develop specialized programming, focused on addressing the risks of driving impaired among youth and young adults; 2) provide educational programs and outreach activities to inform the Long Beach community about the dangers of driving under the influence of substances other than alcohol; 3) partner with local organizations to address health inequities and improve outcomes through inclusive in-language impaired driving; and 4) reduce the incidence of drug-impaired driving related crashes and injury across all demographics in Long Beach.

This initiative is in line with the City's Strategic Plan strategies to further develop a comprehensive approach to encourage responsible cannabis use and increase awareness about how mind-altering drugs, including those prescribed for medical purposes, can impair drivers; to increase funding, resources and services focused on youth substance use prevention; and to partner with non-profit organizations that have expertise in reaching communities with services and information in their native language.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on August 20, 2024, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on August 22, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 10, 2024, to meet the CA\_OTs deadline to accept the funding and begin implementation of the approved scope of work.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$310,000 in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. Any indirect costs that might not ultimately be eligible for grant funds will be funded by the Health Operating Fund, General Fund, or other eligible funds. There is no City match or in-kind service required. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director  
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER