Agenda Item #13.17
For Council Meeting of August 19, 2025

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOHN CREGAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM FY25/26

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) accept grant funds in the amount of $498,245.30 from the California Highway Patrol through the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program FY 25/26; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute award documents and any additional documents for administration of the grant; and 3) appropriate $498,245.30 of grant funds to a project key.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 12, 2025, the Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) applied to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Grant Fund Program. On June 13, 2025, SRPD received a notification of an award in the amount of $498,245.30 for the project period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to enhance DUI Saturation patrols and purchase new patrol vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is a state agency charged with appropriating grant money associated with the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP). The CHP works closely with state and local agencies and other traffic safety stakeholders to actively address impaired driving. The CHP has considered a variety of factors in determining specific needs for each grant cycle, including opportunities and projects best suited to prevent loss of life, injuries, and property damage caused by driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The purpose of the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program is to provide alternative funding sources to augment current activities and programs.

SRPD applied for grant funding from the CHP through CTFGP to participate in this program. SRPD will enhance its DUI enforcement efforts by conducting targeted DUI saturation patrols. This project will focus on reducing impaired driving incidents and improving roadway safety within the City of Santa Rosa. Funding will be used to acquire four patrol vehicles dedicated to the department's Accident Investigators, enabling them to perform DUI saturation patrols more effectively and respond to impaired driving incidents promptly. By increasing enforcement visibility and presence, the department aims to deter impaired driving and foster safer roads for the community.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

1. Accepting this grant funding will allow the Santa Rosa Police Department to implement enhanced DUI saturation patrols. The purchase of new patrol vehicles will equip investigators with the necessary tools to conduct timely and thorough investigations, ultimately reducing response times and enhancing overall traffic safety, which is a priority of the City and Department.

2. There are no requirements for cost match, and therefore, the award will have no adverse impact on the Department’s Operating Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The vehicles involved are excluded from the Fleet Replacement program and will not be replaced once they reach the end of their lifecycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed action is not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Grant Award Number 23388
- Resolution

PRESENTER

John Cregan, Police Chief