

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award TSEP-2025-RPD-00051 from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Reno Police Department to support enforcement of laws related to impaired driving in the amount of \$60,000.

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff recommends Council accept grant award TSEP-2025-RPD-00051 from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Reno Police Department to support enforcement of laws related to impaired driving in the amount of \$60,000.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	x	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	x	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		x
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?		.007%

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council has approved State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety grants since 1997, including the FY 23 award at the September 28, 2022, Council Meeting, (Item B.12) and the FY 24 award at the September 27, 2023, meeting (Item B.9).

Discussion:

Impaired Driving has long been a killer on our nation's roadways. In 2021, 30% of Nevada drivers involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher (September 2023: NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts DOT HS 813 509). According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) there were 13,384 people killed in DUI alcohol crashes in the US in 2021, an average of one DUI alcohol fatality every 39 minutes (NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts: Overview of Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2021).

RPD believes that DUI saturation operations conducted during the last six years, in partnership with the Office of Traffic Safety, have been instrumental in preventing needless deaths due to drunk driving. As a part of this project, RPD will continue to conduct enforcement operations, publicize the activities to educate the public about the consequences of driving under the influence, and promote voluntary compliance with the law.

The Reno Police Department has been awarded a grant of \$60,000 (TSEP-2025-RPD-00051) to continue its successful program of Impaired Driving enforcement and education. These funds will be used to support overtime high visibility saturation operations in conjunction with holidays and special events to help deter individuals from driving under the influence. The grant period is October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

Financial Implications:

There is a match of \$15,000 that will be met by in-kind contributions of vehicle usage and on-duty dedicated enforcement time.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. The City, by accepting this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application, provide information for evaluation to the granting organization, and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by Police Department personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept grant award TSEP-2025-RPD-00051 from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Reno Police Department to support enforcement of laws related to impaired driving in the amount of \$60,000 and authorize the Chief of Police, City Manager and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Office of Traffic Safety Award Document for Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant, TSEP-2025-RPD-00051