



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JUNE 30, 2026

DEPARTMENT: SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FROM: CARLOS ACOSTA, CHIEF OF POLICE

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TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP)
CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) GRANT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the acceptance of the \$390,484 California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Grant administered by CHP; and
2. Delegating authority to the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the grant; and
3. Establishment of the CHP CTFGP Grant expense appropriation and corresponding revenue appropriation up to \$390,484 to support grant activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Police Department has been awarded a California Highway Patrol (CHP) grant to support the department's DUI (impaired driving) traffic enforcement efforts. The Department is requesting authorization to accept these CHP-CFTGP grant funding and establish an expense appropriation and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) was established following the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, to Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). Under Revenue and Taxation Code Section 34019(f)(3)(B), the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is responsible for administering a portion of state cannabis tax revenues through competitive grants designed to improve traffic safety and reduce impaired-driving collisions statewide. The CTFGP provides funding to local government agencies and eligible nonprofit organizations for projects that support impaired-driving reduction efforts. Eligible activities generally include impaired-driving enforcement operations, equipment purchases, drug-recognition tools, and other road-safety initiatives authorized under program regulations. The grant is administered on an annual cycle, with CHP releasing a yearly Request for Applications (RFA), evaluating submissions, issuing clarification requests as needed, and awarding funding for the upcoming

fiscal year. Each grant operates on a July 1 through June 30 performance period, aligning with the State of California’s fiscal year.

As part of the FY 2026–27 CTFGP cycle, the Salinas Police Department (SPD) submitted its first application for this program in February 2026 in the amount of \$390,484¹. Following the application process, SPD was notified that they had been awarded the grant. At the time of this report, the department has not yet received the award letter. However, it must present to Council before July 1, 2026 in order to obtain the award. SPD anticipates grant award in the amount of \$390,484 to support enhanced impaired-driving enforcement efforts. This funding will specifically allow SPD to increase the number of DUI saturation patrol operations and to purchase equipment necessary for carrying out impaired-driving enforcement. All DUI saturation patrols supported by this grant will be conducted on an overtime-only basis. The grant performance period will run from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Participation in the CTFGP provides the Department with an opportunity to expand DUI enforcement efforts without impacting the General Fund, while contributing to statewide goals of reducing alcohol- and drug-impaired driving and improving roadway safety.

The Department is requesting City Council approval to accept the 2026-27 CHP-CTFGP Grant in the amount of \$390,484. The Notice of Funding Award Letter and related documents will be provided upon receipt.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving these actions will support the City Council Strategic Plan Goals of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department will work with the Legal Department during approval and execution of grant documents, and with the Finance Department during implementation.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No matching funds are required from the City of Salinas to receive the grant funds.

¹ The maximum amount that can be awarded by this grant is \$500,000

Fund	General Ledger Number	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
TBD	TBD	TBD Expense	N/A	\$390,484
TBD	TBD	TBD Revenue	N/A	\$390,484

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution – CHP CFTGP Grant