



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 21, 2019

**DEPARTMENT:** SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** Adele Fresé, Chief of Police

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**TITLE:** CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT  
AGREEMENT FOR THE PEDESTRAIN AND BICYCLE SAFETY  
PROGRAM

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit a California Office of Traffic Safety grant agreement for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit a California Office of Traffic Safety grant agreement for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution will provide much needed funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$100,000. This money will be used to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists. The funded strategies include classroom education, bicycle rodeos, community events, presentations, and workshops. These countermeasures will be conducted in areas with high numbers of pedestrian and/or bicycle related collisions. The focus areas will include communities with older adults, and school-aged children. If implemented in Salinas, the program will reach a third of all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the City of Salinas with pedestrian safety education and practice, and a third of all 5<sup>th</sup> graders with bike safety education and practice.

### BACKGROUND:

Annually the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) makes funds available to local agencies to further their traffic enforcement and education efforts. The Salinas Police Department applied for and is tentatively awarded OTS grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 to aid in its efforts to

reduce the number of people killed and injured in pedestrians and bicyclists traffic collisions. This is the first time that the City of Salinas has been awarded money for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program.

In the three years of 2016-2018, 18 pedestrians were killed in Salinas by vehicles and three of them were under 18. In the same period, 237 pedestrians were injured, with 42 under 18. In 2016-2018, there was one adult bicyclist killed in a bike-vehicle crash. There were 115 bicyclists injured in collisions with vehicles, seven of them youth under 18.

In addition to the educational components, this funding will be used to distribute bicycle headlights and taillights during bicycle safety community events or bicycle safety courses. The funding will pay for the distribution of bicycle helmets at bicycle rodeos, workshops, and community events. The proposed Family Fun Event will make a concerted effort to reach adults and particularly migrant parents.

#### 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).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed Resolution is consistent with the City Council's goal of an effective and efficient government.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Proposed funding from the Office of Traffic Safety is \$100,000.00, all of which will be used to support the Salinas Police Department's efforts to reduce the number of traffic collisions and fatalities. No matching funds are required from the City of Salinas to receive the grant funds. No impact to the City's General Fund is anticipated with the recommended actions.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Grant Agreement