



**DATE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** November 18, 2008

**TO:** GARY KEEFE, City Administrator

**FROM:** TIMOTHY L. DABNEY, Chief of Police  
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**SUBJECT:** 2009 SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT MINI-GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE

**Recommendation:** that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Lompoc Police Department to accept grant award number SC09233 from the University of California Berkeley Traffic Safety Center funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$111,729.42 to provide supplemental overtime funding toward driving under the influence enforcement and drivers license compliance checkpoints within the City of Lompoc between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009.
2. Authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to sign any appropriate documents to complete the Grant Award Forms Package, including any extensions or amendments thereof, as required by the University of California Berkeley Traffic Safety Center and the California Office of Traffic Safety.

**Background:**

Over the last decade the Lompoc Police Department has aggressively sought grant funding for various facets of traffic safety within the City of Lompoc. On no less than ten occasions, the Department has been successful in receiving these types of grant awards for small projects such as seatbelt compliance enforcement, also know as “click it or Ticket,” over a holiday weekend to very large multi-year projects that have facilitated the addition of personnel and the purchase of valuable equipment such as our DUI trailer, motorcycles and radar trailer.

The provision of overtime funding through grants has been the mainstay of driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement and drivers license compliance within the City of Lompoc. DUI/drivers license checkpoints have become a common occurrence in the City of Lompoc and serve as a deterrent to those individuals who would be inclined to drive under the influence or without being properly licensed.

Lompoc Police Department Sergeant Edward Lardner, assigned as the Traffic Supervisor, was successful in obtaining three traffic related grants totaling \$107,166 that resulted in 245 arrests and 135 citations during the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

**Discussion:**

The California Office of Traffic Safety has engaged the University of California Berkeley Traffic Safety Center to administer several Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grants during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The Lompoc Police Department has been approved to receive a grant award of \$111,729.42 for the operations of up to 18 sobriety checkpoints in Lompoc. The mini-grant period is October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The allowed cost to the grant per checkpoint is \$6,207.19. There is **NO MATCH REQUIREMENT** to receive this grant award.

The agreement document for mini-grant number SC09233 requires that the Lompoc Police Department conduct the following DUI/drivers license enforcement actions:

- Four (4) checkpoints during the “Winter Holiday Mobilization,” designated as being between December 12, 2008 and January 3, 2009.
- Four (4) checkpoints during the “Labor Day Mobilization,” designated as being between August 21, 2009 and September 7, 2009.
- Ten (10) checkpoints to be conducted a various times throughout the grant period at the discretion of the Department between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009.

The grant provides complete coverage of overtime costs for one (1) Sergeant, twelve (12) officers, and three (3) support staff to work each of the DUI/drivers license checkpoint operations.

**Conclusion:**

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to sign all grant award agreements associated with grant number SC09233 that has been awarded by the University of California Berkeley Traffic Safety Center funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$111,729.42.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

Attachment: Grant Award Letter

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:

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GARY KEEFE  
City Administrator