



Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Chris Ramos, Chief of Police
Jake Clark, Sergeant

DATE: September 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Fiscal Year 2025-26 Agreement

Description: Approve the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant agreement in the amount of \$85,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. The grant provides necessary funding to assist in addressing traffic-related issues within the City of Beaumont.

Background and Analysis:

The Beaumont Police Department seeks grant funding opportunities to assist with addressing public safety concerns within our community. OTS provides grant funding opportunities for local law enforcement agencies interested in addressing traffic-related issues, such as Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs, Distracted Driving, Primary Collision Factors, and Traffic Safety Education. This year, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant was successfully applied for, and OTS has authorized \$85,000 of grant funding to be awarded to the City of Beaumont.

This grant will enable the funding of sobriety checkpoints and increased awareness of traffic safety aimed at reducing the number of traffic-related injuries and fatalities. The grant period is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The Department currently focuses on strategies that encourage traffic safety, public awareness, and enforcement. The OTS grant would provide funding to aid in our commitment to these efforts.

Fiscal Impact:

This is a reimbursement grant and will not require any matching funds on the part of the City. The FY 2025-26 budget currently includes \$131,500, which reflects the original grant application. A budget amendment will be processed in the next quarterly update to adjust the line item to the actual award of \$85,000.

The cost of completing this staff report was \$500.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Agreement.

Attachments:

- A. OTS STEP Grant Agreement