

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 28, 2025

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) AND ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD NUMBER 23348 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,800 FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (PROJECT CODE NO. GCT00001)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) GRANT FUNDS UNDER AWARD NUMBER 23348."
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute documents related to the grant application, reporting, and payments.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) is administered by the California Highway Patrol pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 34019(f)(3)(C), which allocates funding to local governments for education, prevention, and enforcement of laws related to impaired driving, particularly cannabis-impaired driving.

The City of Palm Desert applied for CTFGP funding to address cannabis-impaired driving through a combination of education, public awareness campaigns, and enhanced traffic enforcement operations. Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 program cycle, the City was awarded \$120,800 under grant award number 23348.

The awarded funds will support the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, City of Palm Desert's Police contract service provider, in implementing strategies to reduce cannabis-impaired driving, consistent with the grant's objectives. Planned activities include:

- Conducting high-visibility DUI checkpoints
- Providing officer training on Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Delivering community education and outreach regarding the dangers of cannabis-impaired driving
- Purchasing materials to support educational messaging

The grant agreement (FY25-26 CTFGP Grant Agreement) outlines the approved budget, reimbursement procedures, and reporting requirements. The grant has no local matching requirement and will be reimbursed on an actual cost basis, consistent with state grant management practices.

As a condition of accepting these funds, the City must adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the grant program, certifying compliance with program requirements, and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to carry out all grant-related responsibilities.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Since CTFGP is a reimbursement grant program, budget has been included in the Police Services Account No. 1104210-4390400 for this purpose. Upon approval of the submitted documentation, a reimbursement in the total amount of \$120,800 will be deposited in the General Fund to recover the associated costs. Matching funds are not required for this grant so there is no additional impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Grant Agreement