

# City of Gladstone Staff Report

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Report Date: 08-06-2020  
Meeting Date: 08-11-2020  
To: Gladstone City Council  
From: John Schmerber, Chief of Police

## AGENDA ITEM

Traffic safety high visibility enforcement grant

## History/Background

Over the years, the Gladstone Police Department (GPD) has applied for and received traffic safety grants, paying overtime for officers to enforce traffic related issues to include, speeding, pedestrian safety and driving while impaired. Once the dedicated grant funds have been awarded by Oregon Impact and or Oregon Department of Transportation, missions were planned and organized to enforce the identified traffic related violations.

## Proposal

The Gladstone Police Department has made traffic safety a core priority for the city. Speeding vehicles and pedestrian safety are common complaints the police department receives and works towards reducing. As important is reducing the number of impaired drivers and distracted drivers on our city streets. As a result of our traffic safety initiatives, the police department applied for grant money to assist with funding mission driven enforcement by our police department. We are honored to report that the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact has awarded the Gladstone Police Department \$30,500.00 of grant funding for the following traffic initiatives.

- Impaired Driving Enforcement = \$5,000
- Speed Enforcement = \$7,500
- Safety Belts/Child Passenger Safety Enforcement = \$4,000
- Pedestrian Enforcement = \$10,000
- Distracted Driving Enforcement = \$4,000

Having the ability to increase officer presence along with partnering with neighboring agencies is a significant advantage in increasing safety within the City of Gladstone.

## Options

1. To accept the grant money for strategic traffic safety high visibility enforcement.
2. Not to accept the money and maintain what we are currently doing, absorbing all costs associated.

## Cost Impact

Zero impact to the City of Gladstone.

Recommended Staff Action

Staff recommends accepting the grant funding. The Gladstone Police Department will need to accept or decline no later than August 14, 2020.

Department Head  
Signature



Date

8-10-2020

City Administrator  
Signature



Date

8/10/2020



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Kate Brown, Governor

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July 29, 2020

Congratulations!

The Gladstone Police Department has been awarded \$30,500.00 in High Visibility Overtime Enforcement grant(s) from the Oregon Department of Transportation – Safety Division (TSD) for the FFY2021 grant year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021). **This includes those overtime grants that are managed by both Oregon Impact (OI) and ODOT TSD.**

If you would like to accept some or all of these overtime grants, please submit your reply to this email [TSDHVEGrant@odot.state.or.us](mailto:TSDHVEGrant@odot.state.or.us) acknowledging the grants your agency accepts **and the grant amount per each award** by close of business, **Friday, August 14, 2020**. Your agency's TSD Grant Manager[s], and/or OI will send you the Project Agreement paperwork to finalize each award.

COVID-19 may have changed much of our public landscape, but as we have all seen across the nation, traffic safety needs are still very much a reality. We thank you for all your previous work with High Visibility Enforcement, and for your future efforts to keep the public safe, and we encourage your continued participation in this critical partnership.

Our request for participating agencies is that, even if circumstances do not permit you to work the HVE grant as planned, either in the current year of 2020, or in 2021, please continue to report, and to document how these circumstances have impacted your abilities or capacity related to the grant activities.

There will be no penalties for agencies who are unable to work the grant project(s) under the current pandemic and political environment, however we do ask that you contact your program manager(s) just to let them know.

Program Area: Impaired Driving Enforcement

Grant Name: Impaired Driving OT Enforcement

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Grant Manager: Yvonne McNeil, Oregon Impact

Accept Award  Decline Award

Program Area: Speed Enforcement

Grant Name: Speed OT Enforcement

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Grant Manager: Kristin Twenge, ODOT TSD

Accept Award  Decline Award

Program Area: Safety Belts/Child Passenger Safety Enforcement

Grant Name: Safety Belt/Child Passenger Safety OT Enforcement

Award Amount: \$4,000.00

Grant Manager: Kelly Mason, ODOT TSD

Accept Award  Decline Award

Program Area: Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

Grant Name: Pedestrian OT Enforcement

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Grant Manager: Yvonne McNeil, Oregon Impact

Accept Award  Decline Award

Program Area: Distracted Driving Enforcement

Grant Name: Distracted Driving OT Enforcement

Award Amount: \$4,000.00

Grant Manager: Yvonne McNeil, Oregon Impact

Accept Award  Decline Award

This letter is a notification only, and not the grant project agreement. Additional paperwork and signatures are needed before execution; i.e., **do not conduct any billable work on these projects until you receive an actual executed grant agreement from either TSD and/or Oregon Impact (depending on the type of grant awarded)**. Otherwise, you will not be reimbursed for that work.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact TSD's Grant Assistant, Naomi Dwyer at 503.986.4202 or at [TSDHVEGrant@odot.state.or.us](mailto:TSDHVEGrant@odot.state.or.us)

We look forward to partnering with you this year on such an important life-saving program, and thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,



Traci Pearl  
Highway Safety Section Manager