

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
REQUESTING APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY'S  
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting approval to apply for the FY 26/27 California Office of Traffic Safety's Traffic Enforcement Program Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department has been applying for grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety dating back to at least October 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department must submit the application by January 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the grant's mission is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol involved crashes and other primary collision factors; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding on overtime status to conduct operations such as DUI checkpoints, DUI patrols, traffic safety, motorcycle safety, pedestrian/bicycle safety, distracted driving, street racing and sideshow enforcement, and educational presentations; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding for equipment and supplies to conduct operations that support the grant's mission; and,

WHEREAS, the grant will run from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a match of any type (in-kind or cash); and, is a 100% reimbursement grant; and, funds are first expended by the MPD and then requests for reimbursement are submitted on a quarterly basis; and,

WHEREAS, this year's grant application will be similar to last year's application including a request for funding for: personnel and benefits \$125,000, travel \$2,500, and equipment and supplies \$300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager or designee of the City of Merced is authorized to submit an application to the California Office of Traffic Safety's Traffic Safety Program Grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:  
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

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Mayor

ATTEST:  
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell 12/18/2025  
City Attorney Date