



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds From the United Way

REPORT IN BRIEF

Accept and appropriate grant funds (\$25,410) from the United Way to further the Merced Police Department's efforts to prevent underage drinking of alcoholic beverages within the city limits of Merced, in partnership and collaboration with other agencies working as a group identified as ComVip (Community Violence, Intervention and Prevention) Program. The funds will be used to compensate officers who will work various strategies beyond their regular shift (overtime).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Accepting the grant funds totaling \$25,410 from United Way to further support the collaborative efforts of agencies (Merced Police Department, Merced County Probation Department, and Merced County Mental Health Department) that work collaboratively together to prevent underage drinking of alcoholic beverages throughout the City of Merced.

B. Increasing Police revenue account #001-1002-324-02-00 by \$25,410 from grant funds through the United Way.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public safety.

DISCUSSION

The County of Merced (hereinafter referred to as County) and the United Way of Merced entered into an agreement to work together on a project to reduce underage and excessive drinking among youth and young adults. The County received grant funding from the State of California, Department of Health Care Services for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) to plan and implement a project to reduce underage and excessive drinking among youth and young adults. The County agreed to contract the United Way of Merced to perform special services that consist of SPF SIG project planning and implementation. For more information about the special services agreement between the County and United Way of Merced, please refer to the contract copy included with this document.

The County agreed to pay the United Way of Merced a total contract price not to exceed \$29,720 to perform services in connection with the SPF SIG project. The United Way of Merced, in collaboration with the County and UC Merced, has agreed to contract the services of the Merced Police Department. Those services that the police department will perform are consistent with SPF SIG to implement within the city limits of Merced to reduce underage and excessive drinking among youth and young adults. The United Way of Merced will allocate a total of \$25,410 from SPF SIG to reimburse the overtime expenses related to Merced Police Officers conducting the services related to the SPF SIG project.

There are no matching funds required from the City of Merced. The funds allocated by the United Way of Merced are reimbursement funds for when the City of Merced pays the employees for working overtime to work the SPF SIG project. This request was delayed due to administrative changes within some of the agencies in partnership with ComVip, etc.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

One recommendation is to appropriate funds to accept the grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of Special Services Agreement Between the County of Merced and United Way of Merced
2. Copy of MOU between the ComVip Taskforce, the United Way of Merced County and participating Merced County and City Law Enforcement Agencies and the University of California, Merced